

Gorbachev sends message to Fahd

RIYADH (AP) — Vladimir Polyakov, a Soviet deputy foreign minister, Sunday delivered a message addressed to King Fahd from Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, marking the second major contact between Riyadh and Moscow this year. Aside from a Soviet delegation to a conference on blind men in Saudi Arabia in 1985, diplomatic sources could not recall a visit by a ranking Soviet official to the kingdom since relations were ruptured in the 1930s. Riyadh Radio said the message was delivered by Polyakov during a meeting with Crown Prince Abdullah. The broadcast said only that it dealt with developments related to the Palestinian problem and the Iran-Iraq war. It added that the meeting was attended by Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal and the Saudi ambassador to the United States, Prince Bandar, who had received Polyakov on arrival Saturday. The Saudi foreign minister was in Moscow last month on the first such trip since 1982. He handed Gorbachev a letter from Fahd and moved on to Washington.

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Prince Mohammad arrives in Bahrain

BAHRAIN (Petra) — His Royal Highness Prince Mohammad arrived Sunday on a three-day visit to Bahrain in the course of a tour of the Gulf region. Prince Mohammad has already visited the United Arab Emirates and Qatar where he conveyed messages to their leaders from His Majesty King Hussein.

Regent sends good wishes to Qatari emir

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, Sunday sent a cable of good wishes to the emir of Qatar, Sheikh Khalifa bin Hamad Al Thani, on the occasion of the anniversary of Sheikh Khalifa's assumption of constitutional powers. In the cable the Regent wished the emir continued health and happiness and the Qatari people progress and prosperity.

Peres: Israel must give up occupied land

WASHINGTON (R) — Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said Sunday Israel must give up some occupied land to end the Palestinian uprising and win peace with the Arabs. Peres, interviewed on U.S. television, repeated his call for an international Middle East peace conference as a first step toward resolving the Arab-Israeli conflict.

UNRWA cuts Lebanon services

BEIRUT (R) — Schools and clinics for Palestinian refugees in Lebanon will be closed because of the kidnapping of two aid workers, the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) said Sunday. The agency, which announced last week it was stopping all services needing the supervision of international staff, gave details of how the cuts would affect the 280,000 Palestinian refugees it serves in Lebanon. UNRWA spokesman Niall Kiley said the agency, which runs 85 schools and 17 health centres, would close its offices and installations in both Sidon and Tyre due to the lack of foreign staff and the suspension of all supplies to the southern towns. "Schools and clinics will remain open as long as supplies last but resupply of materials and medicines will not be possible," it said.

Iraq reports air raid

BAGHDAD (R) — Iraq said its warplanes destroyed a bridge used for military purposes in southwestern Iran Sunday. A military spokesman said the aircraft attacked the Keshvar Bridge, north of the town of Andimeshk. Keshvar is on the railway line between Tehran and the city of Ahwaz, an important staging area for Iranian troops near the southern warfront.

Arab solar energy talks open in Baghdad

BAGHDAD (R) — More than 250 scientists from 25 Arab and other states met in Baghdad Sunday to discuss the use of solar energy and other substitutes for oil. Iraq's First Deputy Prime Minister Taha Yassin Ramadan, opening the four-day conference, said his country was "ever more persistent to possess modern technology." He said Israel's 1981 attack on an Iraqi nuclear reactor "was an example of Zionist-Imperialist plotting against progress striving to achieve progress in science and technology."

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Israelis kill 2 more Arabs amid calls for escalated protests

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) — Israeli soldiers killed two Palestinians in clashes in the West Bank Sunday and Palestinian organisers called for stepped up protests to coincide with the visit of U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz this week.

The army said soldiers shot and killed two Palestinians in separate confrontations. Hospital officials said 17 were wounded.

The army initially reported a third Palestinian shot and killed but later retracted the statement. Hospital officials said the man died from effects of tear-gas.

Kamal Mohammad Fares, 24, of Deir Ammar refugee camp near Ramallah died of a gunshot wound to the chest, a doctor at Ramallah hospital said. An army spokesman said there were no troops in the area at the time of the incident and the army was checking whether Fares was killed by Israeli settlers.



Palestinians with slingshots and rocks battle Israeli troops in Nablus

Egypt repeats warning to U.S.

CAIRO (Agencies) — Egyptian Foreign Minister Esmat Abdul Meguid Sunday warned the United States against putting forward any ideas for a Middle East settlement which were reminiscent of plans for Palestinian "autonomy" as outlined by the 1978 Camp David accords. In a prepared statement which he read to parliament's committee for Arab, foreign and security affairs, Abdul Meguid said any ideas brought by U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz during his trip to the region next week must include a comprehensive settlement, including an international conference to bring peace to the Middle East.

"Egypt welcomes the upcoming visit of U.S. Secretary of State Shultz and welcomes any U.S. plan he carries, on condition that it is based on a comprehensive and final settlement to the issue, and that is established through an international peace conference," Abdul Meguid said. "And that the plan avoids the autonomy plan that was outlined in the Camp David accords because it is a plan which events have overcome," he added.

He was repeating Egypt's position which has already been announced by President Hosni Mubarak and journalists close to him. Shultz's reported plan calls for an international forum in April to lead immediately to direct Arab-Israeli talks about an interim arrangement providing Palestinian "autonomy" in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza, possibly for three years. Negotiations on the territories' final status would start next December, regardless of the outcome of the "self-rule" talks. This plan would appear to be an accelerated, modified version laid down in one of two U.S.-mediated 1978 Camp David accords between Egypt and Israel. Shultz is scheduled to visit Egypt, Israel, the occupied territories and Jordan, and will probably also visit Syria and Saudi Arabia on his itinerary.

Shevardnadze, Shultz open extensive talks Moscow seeks 'more active role' in Mideast peace efforts

MOSCOW (Agencies) — Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard A. Shevardnadze said his government wants to play "a more active role" in the search for an Arab-Israeli settlement as he opened talks Sunday with U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz.

The issue of Soviet participation is one of the key items on Shultz's agenda for his two days of talks here. Shultz said Saturday the Soviets should "face up" to their human rights problems and establish relations with Israel if they intend to take part in the talks he would try to set up when he goes to the Middle East next week.

But Shevardnadze, chatting with a reporter while waiting for Shultz at the Soviet Foreign Ministry's elegant guest house in central Moscow, said his government already was playing a constructive role in the region.

"We want to play a more active role also in the negotiations," he said. Shevardnadze was also enthusiastic about prospects for a strategic arms treaty.

Despite a recent slowdown in arms negotiations in Geneva, Shevardnadze told reporters "there is a chance, there is a good chance" for completing an accord halving strategic weapons in time for signing at a planned superpower summit in Moscow next May or June.

Shevardnadze made his comments at the start of four rounds of talks over two days with Shultz, who arrived in Moscow Sunday.

The talks are the first in a series of monthly meetings between the ministers in preparation for the Moscow summit.

The mood and tone seemed particularly positive as the two men laughed and joked as they posed for photographs.

Shultz and Shevardnadze discussed human rights during their morning session, but were later expected to move on to arms control and key regional issues involving Afghanistan, the Middle East and the Gulf war, U.S. officials said.

U.S. and Soviet experts met for preliminary discussions on the withdrawal of 115,000 Soviet troops from Afghanistan. One senior U.S. official indicated there was no early progress. "We're just getting into it," he said.

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The army said soldiers shot and wounded three Palestinians during a violent demonstration at Khan Yunis in the Gaza Strip. Itihad hospital said three others were admitted with gun wounds Sunday.

The latest deaths brought the number of Palestinians killed by Israelis since the protests began Dec. 8 to 61, according to U.N. figures.

Israeli officials said the government has spent \$330 million to finance the crackdown on the protests. Israel's 1988 budget is \$31 billion.

The defence minister, Yitzhak Rabin, rejected demands that he issue specific guidelines to soldiers to curb the use of excessive force against Palestinian protesters. Rabin said during a cabinet meeting such guidelines were useless because he could not anticipate all situations soldiers might face.

Meanwhile, psychologists who compiled a report for the army said brutal behaviour among troops had become widespread and that some officers are issuing

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Rifai confers with Saudi leaders

AMMAN (J.T.) — Prime Minister Zaid Rifai Sunday paid a brief visit to Saudi Arabia where he conveyed a message from His Majesty King Hussein to King Fahd Ibn Abdul Aziz of Saudi Arabia.

The message was received by Saudi Crown Prince and Deputy Prime Minister Prince Abdullah Ibn Abdul Aziz in the presence of Prince Bader Ibn Abdul Aziz, commander of the National Guard, Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal and other officials.

Prince Abdullah hosted a lunch in honour of Rifai. Arab diplomatic sources quoted by the AP in a dispatch from Riyadh said that the talks were part of Jordan's campaign to arrive at a coordinated stand in talks with U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz next week.

The Saudi Press Agency said Rifai and Prince Abdullah held a closed meeting that was attended only by Prince Saud. The Jordan News Agency, Petra, said the King's message to Fahd was related to the outcome of His Majesty's trip to Europe, while Rifai would discuss with Saudi leaders the latest developments in the region, including the ongoing Palestinian uprising in the Israeli-occupied territories.

Jordanian officials also said Rifai was briefing Arab leaders on Amman's position toward a U.S. peace initiative that Shultz will be pushing.

In an interview earlier this month with the London-based magazine Mideast Mirror, Rifai warned that "self-rule" and "autonomy" proposals such as those suggested by the United States are "gimmicks to diffuse the popular uprising in the occupied territories and assist Israel in coping with the situation on hand."

He said he welcomed any U.S. proposals along the lines of the Arab position adopted at last November's summit, and said "we have not been informed of any specific U.S. proposals, so we have to wait and see."

Rifai visited Syria, Egypt and Iraq last week and held talks with an official of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) and a Soviet envoy.

Masri heads delegation to Sanaa talks

AMMAN (Petra) — Foreign Minister Taher Al Masri left for Sanaa Sunday at the head of a Jordanian delegation to attend meetings of the Joint Jordanian-Yemen Higher Committee which begin today in the North Yemen capital. During his three-day stay in Sanaa, Masri will meet with President Ali Abdullah Saleh and other senior North Yemen officials. The joint committee is expected to discuss means for expanding scopes of cooperation and coordination between Jordan and North Yemen. Earlier Sunday, Masri flew to Amman from Tunis where he attended a meeting of an Arab foreign ministers committee charged with following up on the Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories (see story below). During his stay in Tunis, Masri held talks with Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat on issues of mutual concern.

Regent urges Arabs to back Palestinians

AQABA (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, said Sunday that the Palestinian uprising in the occupied West Bank and Gaza was generated by the people in the occupied territories and called on Arab states to support the revolt with all means necessary to achieve its objectives.

Addressing a gathering of girl scouts, Prince Hassan said the "sacrifices of the Palestinians to gain their freedom should be employed to serve the martyrs."

Prince Hassan said that the current circumstances in the occupied territories "should not be looked upon as separate from those which have been prevailing since the (Arab Revolt against the British mandate authorities) in 1936."

The Crown Prince said Jordan, in view of its historical and social

ties with Palestine, "enjoys a unique and special situation and thus its position in dealing with the current events there is different from that of other Arab countries."

"The current uprising is the outcome of continued occupation, under which a complete generation was brought up, and as such its revolution came as a true translation and expression of the new generation's aspiration to gain freedom," Prince Hassan said.

The Regent said the choice of Aqaba as the venue for the annual girl scouts gathering "stresses the importance of this city, which has been used by the Great Arab Revolt as a gate towards the north to liberate the Arab homeland and achieve its unity and independence."

Goulding: Jordan wants deeper U.N. involvement

By Sa'd G. Hattar
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AMMAN — A high-ranking U.N. official said here Sunday that Jordan favoured a full-fledged U.N. involvement in efforts for peace in the Middle East that goes beyond just convening an international conference.

U.N. Under-Secretary General Marrack Goulding said that during his talks here over the past two days Jordanian officials made it clear they wanted "a large U.N. role at the centre of peace negotiations that goes beyond just convening an international Middle East peace conference."

"Jordanian officials I had talks with believe the U.N. should be an important player at the peace process," Goulding told reporters hours before he left for Cairo, the last leg of his tour of Arab countries which has already taken him to Tunis, Lebanon and Syria.

Goulding referred to various peace formulas recently floated by U.N. Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), which called for international forces to protect the Palestinians in the occupied West Bank and Gaza pending a comprehensive negotiated settlement.

Goulding said that in a report earlier this month to the U.N. Security Council, Perez de Cuellar had referred to various possibilities on U.N. interim adminis-

tration and U.N. trusteeship in the occupied territories as part of a transitional arrangement towards a final settlement to the conflict. PLO leader Yasser Arafat also voiced similar ideas.

"We are interested in the ideas and if it were the will of the parties directly concerned we will be ready to perform one of these various assumptions," Goulding said.

He described his talks with Arab leaders including those with Arafat in Tunis as "part of continuous consultations the secretary general has with the parties involved in the Arab-Israeli conflict."

Earlier Sunday, Minister of Occupied Territories Affairs Marwan Dudin reviewed with Goulding the current situation in the occupied Arab territories since the outbreak of the ongoing uprising in the West Bank and Gaza, the Jordan News Agency, Petra, reported.

Petra said Dudin furnished the U.N. official with a list of names, ages and addresses of 108 Palestinians killed during confrontation with Israeli troops during the uprising which began Dec. 9.

Petra quoted Dudin as telling Goulding that Israeli troops injured more than 3,000 people and rounded up more than 7,000 as part of its "iron-fist" policy.

Foreign Minister Taher Masri, who made a stopover in Amman as he flew from Tunisia, Tunis, eo

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Arab panel to seek new U.N. session on uprising

TUNIS (Agencies) — A committee of Arab foreign ministers have agreed to contact U.N. Security Council members and the European Community (EC) to try to increase international support for the Palestinian uprising in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza.

The committee agreed on the moves at its first meeting Saturday, a senior Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) official told reporters.

The committee, formed nearly a month ago to coordinate Arab efforts to support the uprising, will contact the five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council — the Soviet Union, the United States, Britain, France and China.

PLO information chief Yasser Abd Rabbo said they would press for a fresh Security Council session on the Palestinian uprising.

They would call on the Security Council to pass resolution demanding an Israeli withdrawal from the Arab territories occupied since the 1967 war, U.N. supervision of the territories and a Middle East peace conference.

In the latest of a series of Security Council votes, the United States has vetoed drafts critical of Israel.

A press statement by the committee, comprising foreign ministers of Jordan, Syria, Algeria,

'China sold \$1 billion in weapons to Iran'

WASHINGTON (AP) — China reaped a \$1-billion bonanza from weapons sales to Iran last year, but is not expected to block an Iranian arms embargo the United States is seeking in the United Nations Security Council, U.S. officials said.

The most recent U.S. intelligence estimates show that Iran received up to 65 per cent of its armaments from China last year, said the officials, speaking on condition of anonymity.

There is still some question whether China is continuing to ship Silkworm missiles to Iran, according to the officials. These anti-ship missiles are the most notorious weapons in the Iranian arsenal because they have been fired from shore-based batteries against international shipping.

The United States — notably during a face-to-face confrontation by Secretary of State George Shultz in Peking last spring — pleaded with China to stop the Silkworm sales. For months, China denied the sales were taking place. Then it acknowledged that Iran may have been getting them indirectly through other countries and said it would try to stop that flow.

Israeli forces shell villages in S. Lebanon

TYRE, Lebanon (R) — Israeli soldiers and their surrogate South Lebanon Army (SLA) militia shelled villages in South Lebanon Sunday after resistance fighters carried out eight attacks against SLA posts there, police said.

They said two children were injured and several houses badly damaged in Zabqine village, 17 kilometres southeast of Tyre, when Israeli forces opened fire soon after midnight.

Police said resistance fighters, who tried to infiltrate into SLA posts on the hills of Jabal Safi and Toumat Niha, shelled SLA positions in the villages of Marjayoun, Bint Jbeil and Hasbaya in Israel's self-declared "security zone."

Seven SLA militiamen and four fighters of the Iranian-backed Hizbollah (Party of God) were killed Feb. 17, during several hours of clashes near Jejjine, outside the "security zone."

There is no military solution. There is only a political solution based... on partitioning the country between the two national movements that have fought over it so long," the letter said.

Hezbollah supports kidnappers of U.S. officer, clash with Amal

BEIRUT (AP) — The Iranian-backed Hezbollah, or Party of God, declared support Sunday for the kidnappers of an American marine officer and clashed with a rival Shi'ite Muslim militia faction searching for him.

"We declare solidarity with, and full support for, the struggle against America who confront the plots of the great Satan," said a Hezbollah statement. "The demands of the Organisation of the Oppressed on Earth are just."

The Organisation of the Oppressed on Earth Friday claimed responsibility for the abduction of Lt. Col. William R. Higgins, 43, of Danville, Kentucky, charging he was a CIA spy, U.S. and U.N. officials denied the charge.

Higgins, a decorated Vietnam veteran and a nine-time military assistant to former U.S. Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger, heads a 76-man observer group attached to a U.N. peacekeeping force in South Lebanon. He was kidnapped Wednesday near the ancient port city of Tyre.

Police said Hezbollah and Justice Minister Nabih Berri's main

stream Shi'ite Amal militia clashed in a brief firefight in the southeastern Lebanese village of Ein Al Tineh. No casualties were reported.

Hezbollah militiamen opened machine gun fire on an Amal patrol near the village in the western sector of the Bekaa Valley and the patrol fired back rocket-propelled grenades, said a police spokesman, who cannot be named under standing regulations.

When the 30-minute clash ended and the Amal patrol left, Hezbollah gunners pounded Israel's self-designated buffer zone in South Lebanon with mortars, the spokesman added.

He said Israel retaliated by shelling for three hours 13 southern Shi'ite villages outside the security belt. Four civilians were wounded, police said.

Asked whether the continuous search by Amal for Higgins was

related to the Hezbollah-Amal clash, the spokesman said: "Yes. Hezbollah is angry about the arrests and house raids Amal militiamen made in the Tyre region."

Ein Al Tineh, a Hezbollah stronghold, is 31 miles (50 kilometres) east of Tyre, where Hezbollah claims Amal has arrested more than 150 of its members in connection with Higgins' abduction. Amal spokesmen say only 40 fundamentalists have been detained.

Berri has called the abduction a threat to the security of the predominantly Shi'ite population of South Lebanon. He said Amal was bent on defending the U.N. peacekeeping force irrespective of the nationality of its officers.

Amal continues search Amal militiamen, aided by helicopters and dogs, continued to search for Higgins in olive and citrus groves as well as cave-lined valleys south east of Tyre.

"The role of this officer is espionage. He has violated his status as a U.N. officer," said Hezbollah's statement distributed in Beirut. "That's why we deplore the enthusiasm shown by

others to determine the fate of this filthy American," it said referring to Amal.

The Organisation of the Oppressed on Earth has demanded an Israeli withdrawal from the buffer zone it carved out in south Lebanon when the bulk of its occupation army withdrew from Lebanon in 1985, ending a three-year invasion.

It also demanded the release of Lebanese and Palestinian inmates held at the Khiam detention camp in the buffer zone and in Israeli jails.

An estimated 300 detainees are believed held at Khiam, run by militiamen of the Israeli-backed South Lebanon Army (SLA).

Sheikh Abdul Karim Obeid, a Hezbollah leader in South Lebanon, was quoted by Beirut radio stations Sunday as saying he believes the kidnappers have managed to smuggle Higgins out of the South.

Sheikh Obeid told worshippers at a mosque in the southern village of Ibbesheet that Higgins was in charge of UNIFIL's "spying operations."

The presence of the peacekeepers in Lebanon is an American espionage plot. All these organisations that pretend to be humanitarian, even the International Red Cross, operate in the same framework," Sheikh Obeid was quoted by the Muslim-run Voice of the Nation radio.

Higgins was the third U.N. official abducted in South Lebanon in three weeks.

Jan Steing, 44, of Sweden and William Jorgensen, 58, of Norway, both employees of the U.N. Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) were kidnapped on Feb. 5 near Sidon, 40 kilometres north of Tyre.

There are 22 other foreigners missing in Lebanon. They are eight Americans, four Frenchmen, three Britons, two West Germans, an Italian, an Indian and two unidentified men.

Amal prepares for new raid Security sources said a joint patrol of Amal militiamen and soldiers of the U.N. Interim Force in South Lebanon (UNIFIL) was preparing to storm the village of Rumayyeh south east of Tyre.

They said this followed a tip that one of Higgins' three kidnappers, sketched from a description by a witness to his abduction, came from Rumayyeh.

U.N. spokesman Timor Goksel told the Christian Voice of Lebanon radio: "We are getting a lot of information from everybody."

He said some of it was not very reliable but "whenever we get information we think is accurate we follow it up. Normal security measures will continue as well as the searches depending on information available."

Algerian foreign minister visits Oman

ALGIERS (R) — Foreign Minister Ahmad Taleb Ibrahim left for Muscat Sunday on an official visit, the first by a senior minister of Algeria to Oman. The Algerian News Agency APS said he was invited to Oman by Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Youssef Ibn Alawi, but gave no other details. It said Ibrahim left for Oman from Tunis, where he chaired an Arab League ministerial meeting Saturday which decided to canvass international support for the Palestinian protests in the Israeli-occupied Arab territories.

UAE coastguard seizes 5 infiltrators

ABU DHABI (R) — Coastguard patrolmen detained five people who tried to enter the United Arab Emirates (UAE) illegally Saturday from a boat off the Sharjah coast.

Al Itihad newspaper, quoting police, said one of the five was wounded as the patrol opened fire when they tried to escape.

Sudan shuts down Libyan centre

KHARTOUM (R) — Sudan has ordered closure of the Libyan Culture Centre and the Iranian-Sudanese Friendship Society in Khartoum, the official Sudan News Agency SUNA said Sunday.

It quoted Information Minister Al Tumm Mohammad Al Tumm as saying the decision was made by the cabinet. Official sources said the step was recommended by Interior Minister Sidahmad Al Hussein who cited security reasons.

The Libyan Centre and the Iranian-Sudanese Society were set up in Khartoum shortly after the April 1985 overthrow of President Jaafar Numeiri.

Khartoum newspapers reported Sunday that Sudanese head of state Ahmad Ali Al Mirghani will visit Libya next month at the start of a four-nation tour that will also take him to Malta, Morocco and Saudi Arabia.

They said Mirghani's tour, starting on March 13, was designed partly to rally military support for Sudan, whose troops have been fighting southern rebels since 1983.

Size of Supreme Council to be reduced

Sudan's main coalition partners have agreed to reduce the size of the five-man Supreme Council, the largely ceremonial joint presidency, Al Tumm said Saturday.

He told reporters the decision was made by a joint committee from Prime Minister Sadeq Al Mahdi's Umma Party and the Democratic Unionist Party (DUP), the junior coalition partner. He did not say how many members the council would now have.

The DUP said it was pulling out of the coalition last August in protest after Umma supported independent politician Mirghani Al Nassei for a seat of the council which had been held by a DUP member.

This left the DUP with only one member on the council, Al Mirghani. Umma has two — Idris Al Banna and Ali Hassan Tajeed — and the fifth is Pacha Lado Lolik, a southern politician.

Despite the DUP's official withdrawal, its cabinet ministers have continued in office under an agreement between Mahdi and DUP patron Mohammad Osman

Al Mirghani

Local press reports have suggested that one solution to the crisis would be to reduce the Supreme Council to three members, with Nassei and either Banna or Tajeed giving up their seats. Meanwhile Sudanese rebels said Saturday they had ambushed a convoy of "enemy steamers" on the Nile River and sunk two of them.

The radio of the rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA), monitored in Nairobi, said any attempts to transport what it called military equipment by steamers would be repulsed.

Mahdi told parliament in Khartoum that barges carrying relief supplies were heading up the Nile towards the famine-hit southern Sudanese town of Malakal.

About 36 barges were believed to be involved.

Relief agencies have warned that Malakal is on the brink of disaster for lack of food.

"Bringing relief supplies by steamers is a matter of discussion and agreement, but any unilateral decision by Khartoum to use the River Nile will be considered a hostile act, and will be fought, as now," the radio added.

Senegal holds 2 Libyans with explosives

DAKAR, Senegal (AP) — Two Libyans carrying arms and explosives have been arrested trying to enter Senegal at the Dakar airport, Senegalese sources said Sunday.

The sources, speaking on condition they were not identified, said the two Libyans were

arrested Friday night on their arrival on a flight from Cotonou, Benin, via Abidjan.

The arrests were also reported briefly on state-run Senegalese television, but no further information was immediately available on the Libyans or the arms and explosives that were seized.

Senegal, a nation of 6 million at the western tip of Africa, has close ties to France.

It broke diplomatic relations with Libya in 1980, accusing the government of Col. Muammar Qadhafi of trying to destabilise Senegal and other West African nations.

Report: Israeli troops are out of control

LONDON (R) — A secret report compiled by Israeli army investigators says that Israeli soldiers in the occupied territories have beaten docile prisoners, deliberately broken bones and kicked pedestrians, the Sunday Times of London said.

In its early edition the newspaper said it had obtained parts of the report, drawn up by army psychologists Dr. Charlie Greenbaum and Dr. Dan Bar-On on the orders of Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

"Officers or commanders in the field are giving orders to break property, and to break hands and feet, and to beat people not only during demonstra-

tions as ordered but at all times and not only to subdue," the paper quoted the report as saying.

The report said this was a new situation for the Israeli army and suggested one major problem was that vague orders had been given that were subject to interpretation by junior officers.

"It is simply clear that there is a system of departures from the standard policy and that these are not isolated cases," the paper quoted the report as saying.

According to the Sunday Times, the report said the job of quelling Palestinian unrest in the occupied territories was difficult for soldiers aged 18 and officers

aged 24.

"They applied orders to the letter," the report said. "They responded to every minor provocation where if they were mature troops they would have judged the situations and perhaps not acted in some of them."

"We have two very clear recommendations: Number one issue very clear orders number two, maintain very clear norms," the newspaper quoted the report as saying.

At least 59 Palestinians have been killed by Israeli troops in the 10-week-old Arab uprising in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Mossad officer's wife 'lured Vanunu'

LONDON (R) — A British newspaper said Sunday the wife of a former major in Israeli military intelligence lured former nuclear plant worker Mordechai Vanunu out of Britain after he told the paper Israel was making atomic bombs.

The Sunday Times said Cheryl Bentov, 26, was a key player in an entrapment by the Israeli Mossad secret service in which Vanunu was lured "into captivity and trial in Israel."

She had denied the claim when confronted by two Sunday Times reporters at her house in the Israeli seaside resort of Netanya but within hours she and her husband Ofer had vanished and

their home remained deserted, it added.

Vanunu, who worked at Israel's Dimona nuclear plant from 1976 to 1985, gave the Sunday Times evidence in 1986 which he said showed Israel was producing atomic bombs, an allegation denied by the Israelis.

He disappeared from London in 1986 before he printed the story. Weeks later, Israel said it was holding him in prison.

Vanunu, 33, has been on trial in Israel since August for treason and spying. The Jerusalem court is expected to give its verdict by the end of this month. Vanunu denies the charges.

At his first court hearing,

Vanunu showed reporters a message written on his palm saying he was kidnapped in Rome.

The paper said Cheryl Bentov, calling herself Cindy Hanin, first met Vanunu in a London square. "In true Mossad style she adopted the guise of a real person, the 22-year-old wife of her brother," the paper said.

The newspaper said Cindy persuaded Vanunu to follow her to Rome a few days later, saying they would stay at her sister's apartment there. "Vanunu ended up drugged and in chains in the hold a ship on his way to Israel," the newspaper added.

Israel has refused to say how it brought Vanunu back.

U.S. Gulf force retains firepower despite pullout of Iowa

By Stephen Jukes
Reuter

BAHRAIN — The battleship Iowa, symbol of America's ability to strike deep into Iran, is heading home from the Gulf region but military analysts say the U.S. Navy still has ample firepower to punish any attack by Tehran.

The decision to pull out of World War II battleship and two escorts, announced by the Pentagon, is the first major reduction in U.S. warships in the region since last year's build-up and sets the tone for a lower profile.

"The time for gunboat diplomacy and grandiose political gestures has gone," said a senior Western naval officer in the Gulf. "The job can be done efficiently with fewer ships."

One Western diplomat said: "Washington has eventually admitted to itself it went over the top with the Iowa."

The withdrawal will leave about 25 warships in the region to escort and protect Kuwaiti oil tankers from Iranian attack.

The operation has settled into a well-established pattern after initial embarrassment last July when the tanker Bridgeton ran into an Iranian mine on its first voyage under the Stars and Stripes.

Military analysts said Iran had

made no overt attempt to attack U.S. convoys, allowing Washington to cool the political temperature and cut costs by bringing home the Iowa.

Indeed, U.S. Navy officers have indicated they see Iraq jets in search of Iranian oil tankers as an equally serious threat because they fire missiles at radar ships without clear identification.

U.S. military officials are due in Baghdad soon for new talks on ways to prevent accidental strikes on American warships and a repeat of the Exocet attack on the USS Stark last May which killed 37 sailors.

NEWS ANALYSIS

The decision to withdraw the Iowa had been under discussion since early in the year, with news leaking out during Defence Secretary Frank Carlucci's Gulf tour in January.

Don Kerr, analyst at the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS) in London, said: "What Washington did in the first instance was to leave as many options open as possible."

"In the early months it racked up an impressive range of weaponry from frogmen with knives to cruise missiles."

But Kerr said Washington had decided it could now cut two of

those options provided by the Iowa — the ability to bombard the Iranian shore with 16-inch (40-cm) guns and to fire Tomahawk cruise missiles deep into the mainland.

Carrier group remains

The Iowa is armed with 32 of the long-range anti-ship and land-attack missiles. Although that concentrated power cannot be matched by other U.S. warships, some are thought to be armed with batteries of four cruise missiles, analysts said.

In addition, the U.S. task force still has its high-powered carrier group in the Arabian Sea.

"The carrier group outside the Gulf packs the real punch with total air superiority," said the Western naval officer. "Tactically there is no reduction in overall strength."

The assault ship Okinawa, used as a base for mine-hunting RH-53 helicopters, is also being sent home but will be replaced by a smaller craft carrying Cobra attack helicopters.

The Iranian mine threat has been countered by a coordinated operation between U.S. ocean-going mine-sweepers and European navies, making the RH-53 helicopters redundant.

Analysts said deployment of the Iowa last year was a clear

political demonstration of Washington's military might designed to warn Iran not to interfere with convoy operations.

But since U.S. warships blasted Iranian oil platforms in the Gulf last October, there have been few signs Tehran is seeking a clash with Western navies as its Revolutionary Guards and gunboats single out unescorted merchant vessels.

Iran predictably hailed the decision to withdraw the ships as a U.S. admission of defeat. "Washington is looking for a face-saving way to get out of this international waterway," Tehran Radio said.

The Iowa's withdrawal will send home 1,500 crew. Analysts estimate about 400 Marines will return with the Okinawa.

Diplomats say in an election year, the Reagan administration would be aware of the popularity to be won by pulling some servicemen out of the searing Gulf heat where the boredom of convoy work has become the order of the day.

"It is time to bring the boys home," said one diplomat.

"It's great to get riding the range with guns blazing, but many want to go home to mum... in an election year that is something you cannot afford to ignore."

TV & RADIO

WHAT'S GOING ON

FOR THE TRAVELLER

USEFUL TELEPHONE NOS.

<div>JORDAN TELEVISION</div> <div>Tel: 77311-19</div> <div>PROGRAMME ONE</div> <div>15:30 Koran</div> <div>15:35 Programme review</div> <div>16:00 Children's programme</div> <div>16:30 Punky Brouster</div> <div>16:40 Al Mubasher</div> <div>17:10 Maths: History</div> <div>17:35 Oliver Twist</div> <div>17:55 Educational programme</div> <div>18:15 Arabic series</div> <div>19:10 Local programme</div> <div>19:40 Programme review</div> <div>20:30 News in Arabic</div> <div>20:35 Arabic series</div> <div>21:30 Local programme</div> <div>21:35 Programme on prominent Arab writers</div> <div>23:00 News Summary</div> <div>PROGRAMME TWO</div> <div>18:00 La Baie De Tous Les Saints Ep. 1</div> <div>18:10 Weekly Sport magazine (French)</div> <div>19:15 News in Hebrew</div> <div>20:00 News in Arabic</div> <div>20:30 Are You Being Served?</div> <div>21:10 Vanity Fair (New classic drama-series)</div> <div>22:00 News in English</div> <div>22:30 Feature film: "Special Friendship"</div> <div>RADIO JORDAN</div> <div>855 KHz, AM & 99 MHz, FM</div> <div>& partly on 9500 KHz, SW</div> <div>Tel: 77411-19</div> <div>07:00 Light Music</div> <div>07:30 Newsweek</div> <div>08:00 Morning Show</div> <div>08:30 News Summary</div> <div>08:45 Just a Minute</div> <div>11:00 My Music</div> <div>11:30 Readings</div> <div>12:00 News Summary</div> <div>12:45 Pop Session</div> <div>13:00 News</div> <div>13:05 Pop Session cont.</div> <div>14:00 News Bulletin</div> <div>14:30 Special Feature</div> <div>15:00 Concert Hour</div> <div>16:00 News</div> <div>16:35 Instrumentals</div> <div>16:30 Old Favourites</div> <div>17:00 Young Show</div> <div>17:30 Pop Session</div> <div>18:00 News Summary</div> <div>18:45 Sports Roundup</div> <div>18:30 Music</div> <div>19:00 News Desk</div> <div>19:30 Date with a Star</div> <div>20:00 Evening Show</div> <div>21:15 News Summary</div> <div>21:45 Evening Show Contd.</div> <div>22:00 News Summary</div>	<div>22:05 Evening Show Continued</div> <div>22:30 News 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News 15:05 24 Hours: News Summary</div> <div>15:10 Anything Goes</div> <div>16:00 Outlook: 5-minute News</div> <div>16:45 I've Been Together Now for 70 Years</div> <div>16:45 Newsweek 17:15 You're Never Alone</div> <div>17:45 Capriccio</div> <div>18:00 World News 18:05 Commemorative</div> <div>18:15 Unaided Promises 18:30 Chain Reaction</div> <div>18:45 The World Today</div> <div>19:00 World News 19:05 Book Chronicle</div> <div>19:15 The Mysterious Art of the Conductor</div> <div>19:45 Sports Roundup</div> <div>20:00 Newsweek</div> <div>20:30 Multitrack 1: Top Twenty</div> <div>21:00 News Summary: Outlook</div> <div>21:30 Sports Roundup</div> <div>21:45 Peaches' Choice</div> <div>22:00 World News</div> <div>22:05 Twenty-Fours: News Summary</div> <div>22:30 Sports International</div> <div>23:00 News Summary: Network UK</div> <div>VOICE OF AMERICA</div> <div>MW 1260 & SW 720, 955, 11740, 11925 and 15210 KHz</div> <div>06:00 News 06:10 Newsweek 06:30 VOA</div> <div>06:40 Morning News 07:10 Newsline</div> <div>07:30 VOA Morning 16:40 News 16:10</div> <div>Newsweek 16:30 Music USA 17:00</div> <div>News 17:10 Focus 17:30 Special Report</div> <div>18:00 News & Features 18:00 News</div> <div>18:10 Newsline 18:30 Magazine Show</div> <div>19:00 News 19:10 Focus 19:30 Special</div> <div>English News & Features 20:00 News</div> <div>20:10 Newsline America 20:30 Music USA</div> <div>20:40 News Summary & Editorial 21:15</div> <div>Music USA Jazz 22:00 News 22:10</div> <div>World Report</div>	<div>TODAY'S EVENTS</div> <div>EXHIBITIONS</div> <div>★ Art exhibition about the works of German artist Horst Janssen at the Petra Bank Gallery in Wadi Sagra (until Feb. 26).</div> <div>★ Art exhibition by Mohammad Kassar at the Housing Bank Gallery.</div> <div>★ A photo exhibition about architecture in Spain at the Spanish Cultural Centre (Feb. 22 to March 3).</div> <div>★ An art exhibition by Mohammad Al Jalous at the Alia Art Gallery (until Feb. 27).</div> <div>FRENCH FILM FESTIVAL</div> <div>★ Le Rayon Vert (1986) de Eric Rohmer, Arc Marie Riviere at Beirut Roman 2000 hrs at the Royal Cultural Centre (until Feb. 25).</div> <div>FEATURE FILM</div> <div>★ Absence of Malice 7 p.m. American Centre.</div> <div>CULTURAL CENTRES</div> <div>Royal Cultural Centre .. Tel. 6610267</div> <div>American Centre .. 644371</div> <div>British Council .. 641520</div> <div>French Cultural Centre .. 637003</div> <div>Goethe Institute .. 641993</div> <div>Soviet Cultural Centre .. 644235</div> <div>Spanish Cultural Centre .. 624049</div> <div>Turkish Cultural Centre .. 639777</div> <div>Haya Arts Centre .. 660595</div> <div>Hussein Youth City .. 6678116</div> <div>Y.W.C.A. .. 641793</div> <div>Y.W.M.C.A. .. 642251</div> <div>Amman Municipal Library .. 637111</div> <div>Univ. of Jordan Library .. 943553</div> <div>MUSEUMS</div> <div>"Children's Heritage and Science Museum" Fun and knowledge for all ages, plus a small planetarium at the Haya Arts Centre. Open all week 9:00</div>	<div>a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Closed on Friday.</div> <div>Federal Museum: Jewellery and costumes over 100 years old. Also costumes from Madaba and Jerash (4th to 18th centuries). The Roman Theatre, Amman. Opening hours 9:00 a.m.-5 p.m. Year-round. Tel. 651760.</div> <div>SERVICE CLUBS</div> <div>The Amman Lions Club. Meetings every first and third Wednesday at the Regency Palace Hotel, 1945 P.O. Box 11000, Amman. Meetings every second and fourth Wednesday at the Amman Hotel, 730 p.m.</div> <div>Palmeirah Rotary Club. Meetings every Wednesday at the Holiday Inn, 1:30 p.m.</div> <div>Rotary Club. Meetings every Tuesday at the International Hotel, 2:00 p.m.</div> <div>Royal Automobile Club. Jabel Amman, Eighth Circle. Tel. 816534, 817534.</div> <div>CHURCHES</div> <div>St. Joseph Church (Roman Catholic) Jabel Amman. Tel. 624165</div> <div>Church of the Annunciation (Roman Catholic) Jabel Lweibdeh. Tel. 657440</div> <div>De la Salle Church (Roman Catholic) Jabel Hussein. Tel. 661757</div> <div>Terranova Church (Roman Catholic) Jabel Lweibdeh, mass in Italian language, meet every Sunday at 5:30 a.m. Tel. 622365</div> <div>Church of the Annunciation (Greek Orthodox) Abadi. Tel. 623541</div> <div>Anglican Church (Church of the Redeemer) Jabel Amman. Tel. 625383, chaplain's residence tel. 60359.</div> <div>Armenian Catholic Church Ashrafieh. Tel. 771331</div> <div>Armenian Orthodox Church Ashrafieh. Tel. 775261</div> <div>St. Basilian Church (Syrian Orthodox) Ashrafieh. Tel. 771753</div> <div>Amman International Church (Interdenominational): meets at Southern Baptist School in Shmeislat. Tel. 675354</div> <div>Anglican Lutheran Church (Church of the Good Shepherd) Amman. Tel. 664623</div> <div>Islamic Service: Sunday 7 p.m. Rev. N. Smir 812195.</div> <div>Rainbow Congregation (meets at the Good Shepherd's Church) Interdenominational-evangelical English Service: Saturday 6:30 p.m. Tel. 822605, Rev. Veli.</div> <div>The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormons) Tel. 815817, 822654</div>	<div>QUEEN ALIA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT</div> <div>This information is supplied by Royal Jordanian (RJ) information department at the Queen Alia International Airport Tel. (08) 55300-5, where it should always be verified.</div> <div>PRAYER TIMES</div> <div>04:50 Fair</div> <div>05:00 (Sunset) Dhahran</div> <div>11:40 Dhahran</div> <div>15:00 'Aar</div> <div>17:30 Maghreb</div> <div>18:40 'Isha</div> <div>ARRIVALS</div> <div>ROYAL JORDANIAN FLIGHTS (Terminal 1)</div> <div>09:15 Agaba (RJ)</div> <div>09:20 Larissa (RJ)</div> <div>09:30 Cairo (RJ)</div> <div>09:30 Damascus (RJ)</div> <div>09:30 Miscoat, Dubai (RJ)</div> <div>09:30 Kuwait (RJ)</div> <div>09:40 Sana'a, Jeddah (RJ)</div> <div>09:50 Doha (RJ)</div> <div>09:55 Abu Dhabi, Bahrain (RJ)</div> <div>10:05 Vienna, Cairo (RJ)</div> <div>10:15 New York, Vienna (RJ)</div> <div>10:25 Casablanca, Tunis (RJ)</div> <div>10:45 Bangkok (RJ)</div> <div>10:55 Baghdad (RJ)</div> <div>OTHER FLIGHTS (Terminal 2)</div> <div>09:20 Sana'a (LH)</div> <div>09:30 Baghdad (IA)</div> <div>09:35 Cairo (MS)</div> <div>12:40 Moscow, Bahrain (IA)</div> <div>13:40 Kuwait (RJ)</div> <div>14:00 Beirut (ME)</div> <div>14:05 Vienna (IA)</div> <div>08:30 Baghdad (AF)</div> <div>DEPARTURES</div> <div>ROYAL JORDANIAN FLIGHTS (Terminal 1)</div> <div>07:00 Agaba (RJ)</div> <div>11:40 Amsterdam, New York (RJ)</div> <div>11:50 Paris (RJ)</div> <div>11:55 Vienna, Chicago, Los Angeles (RJ)</div> <div>12:15 Frankfurt, Copenhagen (RJ)</div> <div>12:30 Cairo (RJ)</div> <div>19:35 Kuwait (RJ)</div> <div>19:50 Bahrain, Doha (RJ)</div> <div>20:00 Baghdad (IA)</div> <div>20:40 Jeddah (RJ)</div> <div>20:45 Cairo (RJ)</div> <div>20:45 Abu Dhabi, Dubai (RJ)</div> <div>OTHER FLIGHTS (Terminal 2)</div> <div>06:30 Cairo, London (BA)</div> <div>08:30 Beirut (ME)</div> <div>10:10 Frankfurt (LH)</div> <div>10:20 Cairo (MS)</div> <div>10:25 Vienna (IA)</div> <div>13:45 Bahrain (GF)</div>	<div>15:00 Kuwait (KU)</div> <div>21:15 Baghdad (IA)</div> <div>01:30 Paris (AF)</div> <div>PRAYER TIMES</div> <div>04:50 Fair</div> <div>05:00 (Sunset) Dhahran</div> <div>11:40 Dhahran</div> <div>15:00 'Aar</div> <div>17:30 Maghreb</div> <div>18:40 'Isha</div> <div>MONEY EXCHANGE</div> <div>Sunday rates</div> <div>Local currency rates in J.O.D.</div> <div>Belgian franc 94.71 / 96.1</div> <div>Dutch guilder 176.3 / 178.9</div> <div>French franc 58.6 / 59.4</div> <div>Italian lire 26.9 / 27.3</div> <div>Japanese yen (for 100) 259.9 / 264.2</div> <div>Swedish crown 55.9 / 56.6</div> <div>Swiss franc 241.4 / 245.7</div> <div>U.K. sterling pound 291.4 / 300.8</div> <div>U.S. dollar 338.5 / 343.3</div> <div>W. German mark 198 / 201.1</div> <div>WEATHER</div> <div>Bulletin supplied by the Department of Meteorology.</div> <div>The Kingdom is likely to be affected by cold winds and scattered showers due to a depression centred over south of Turkey. In Agaba, it will be partly cloudy, with scattered thunder showers. The winds will be southerly and rough seas.</div> <div>Amman Min./Max. temp. 4 / 19</div> <div>Agaba 10 / 18</div> <div>Dera'a 3 / 12</div> <div>Jordan Valley 6 / 16</div> <div>Yesterday's high temperatures: Amman 14, Agaba 25. Humidity readings: Amman 53 per cent, Agaba 28 per cent.</div>	<div>EMERGENCIES</div> <div>Amman governorate 891228</div> <div>Amman Civil Defence 198, 199</div> <div>Civil Defence helpline 271293, 271311</div> <div>Civil Defence Qadisiyah 770733</div> <div>Civil Defence Deir Alla 73706</div> <div>Ambulance 193, 775111</div> <div>Amman downtown fire brigade 196</div> <div>First aid 63941</div> <div>Blood Bank 778303</div> <div>Civil Defence rescue 661111</div> <div>Civil Defence rescue 622990-3</div> <div>Police rescue 192, 62111, 63777</div> <div>Police headquarters 639141</div> <div>Traffic police 896390/1</div> <div>Electric Power Co. 636314, 624881</div> <div>Municipal water complaints 771258</div> <div>Queen Alia Int. Airport (08) 55300-60</div> <div>NIGHT DUTY</div> <div>AMMAN:</div> <div>Dr. Youssef Smadani 821311</div> <div>Dr. Abdul Aziz Abu Khalil 635352</div> <div>Dr. Youssef Samara 615448</div> <div>Dr. Mohammed Abu Malhous 79334</div> <div>Firas pharmacy 661912</div> <div>Ferdows pharmacy 778336</div> <div>Al Aqsa pharmacy 670555</div> <div>Najmeh pharmacy 628071</div> <div>Al Sultan pharmacy 636730</div> <div>Yacoub pharmacy 644945</div> <div>Samsani pharmacy 637660</div> <div>TAXI:</div> <div>Karyati taxi 636730</div> <div>Taxi taxi 644660</div> <div>Taser taxi 656467</div> <div>Raghad taxi 644603</div> <div>Raghad taxi 736428</div> <div>Seyal taxi 776131</div> <div>IRBID:</div> <div>Dr. Abdul Maguid Sababhin 275393</div> <div>Shamsa pharmacy 75825</div> <div>ZARQA:</div> <div>Dr. Mufeed Dama 989552</div> <div>Khalid pharmacy 985417</div> <div>GENERAL</div> <div>Jordan Television 77311/19</div> <div>Radio Jordan 77411/19</div> <div>Ministry of Tourism 642311</div> <div>Hotel complaints 666412</div> <div>Price complaints 661716</div> <div>Telephone Information 12</div> <div>Jordan and Middle East calls 10</div> <div>Overseas calls 17</div> <div>Repair service 11</div>	<div>MARKET PRICES</div> <div>Upper/lower price in J.O.D. per kg.</div> <div>Apple (French) 420 / 360</div> <div>Apple (green) 470 / 400</div> <div>Banana 350 / 300</div> <div>Banana (Mekong) 200 / 240</div> <div>Beans 250 / 430</div> <div>Beans (broad) 370 / 300</div> <div>Cabbage 150 / 120</div> <div>Carrot (black) 250 / 200</div> <div>Carrot (yellow) 280 / 200</div> <div>Cauliflower (white) 200 / 140</div> <div>Cucumber 260 / 200</div> <div>Dates (box) 700 / 500</div> <div>Eggplant (large) 150 / 100</div> <div>Garlic 180 / 140</div> <div>Grapefruit 160 / 120</div> <div>Lemon 140 / 100</div> <div>Mango 380 / 300</div> <div>Marrow 240 / 180</div> <div>Onion (green) 140 / 100</div> <div>Onion (dry) 210 / 180</div> <div>Oranges (Alma) 380 / 320</div> <div>Oranges (Shamoun) 240 / 200</div> <div>Peanut (hot) 360 / 300</div> <div>Pepper (green) 360 / 300</div> <div>Radish 120 / 100</div> <div>Spinach 180 / 120</div> <div>Tomatoes 170 / 140</div> <div>Turnip 170 / 140</div>
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HOME BRIEFS

NIMER TO SEOUL: The Secretary General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Nabih Al Nimer left Amman Sunday for Seoul to attend the inauguration ceremony of the new South Korean president, Jordan's Ambassador to South Korea Khaled Madadha will join Nimer in attending the ceremony.

TOURISM TEAM: A delegation representing directors of tourist and travel offices and agencies in Jordan met in Kuwait City Saturday evening with Jordan's Ambassador to Kuwait Nabih Talhoum. The delegation arrived in Kuwait for a three-day visit during which they will tour tourist centres and other places of interest in Kuwait.

BILATERAL TALKS: Minister of Culture and National Heritage Mohammad Hammouri met with West German Ambassador to Jordan Herwig Bartels Sunday for a discussion on bilateral cooperation in cultural fields. The meeting held at the minister's office was attended by the West German cultural attaché in Amman, Hammouri also received the Soviet embassy's first secretary and the director of the Soviet Cultural Centre Saturday and discussed with him scopes of cultural cooperation and means of enhancing them.

LEGAL COMMITTEE: The Legal Committee of the Lower House of Parliament Sunday discussed amendments to the law on the Agricultural Credit Corporation (ACC) and another on higher education. The meeting which was held under the chairmanship of Salman Al Qudab was attended by Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs Sami Judeh, Minister of Agriculture Marwan Humud, Minister of Higher Education Nassereddin Al Assad, Minister of Tourism Zuhair Ajlouni and the ACC director.

TALKS ON TRANSPORT: Minister of Transport and Telecommunications Khaled Al Haj Hassan Sunday conferred with Omani Ambassador to Jordan Bashir Al Faraj. They discussed Jordanian-Omani cooperation in transport and telecommunication fields.

FENCING COURSE: Maj.-Gen. Yusef Gharaibeh Sunday inaugurated the first fencing training course for policemen at the headquarters. The inauguration was attended by commander of the policemen, Maj. Husain Shahin.

LECTURE: Dean of the Education Department Aminah Hassan at Ain Shams University Sunday lectured about principles of Islamic educational thought. The lecture was part of a symposium held by the Yarmouk University's Islamic Studies Centre, on the Islamic educational thought.

TOURIST PROJECT: Rumaima village council intends to carry out a tourist project costing some JD 200,000 to promote local tourism and support the council's financial resources, council chairman Salih Al Sayegh said Sunday. The project includes the construction of a 15 room hotel on the waterfall area, chalets, a swimming pool, and a park.

DOCUMENTARY: The public relations Department of the Jordan University of Science and Technology (JUST) has completed filming a documentary on the university programmes and other activities since its establishment last year. The documentary has subtitles in English, Arabic and French. Meanwhile President of the University Kamel Ajlouni returned to Amman Sunday at the end of visits to France and North Yemen that lasted two weeks. Ajlouni said that in France he visited French universities in order to familiarise himself with their programmes on engineering and medicine, and discussed cooperation between these universities and JUST in the field of training and scientific research. In North Yemen, Ajlouni took part in the general meeting of the Association of Arab Universities (AAU) which was held between Feb. 13 and 17.

WORKSHOP: Yarmouk University Educational Research and Development Centre Sunday held a workshop entitled "Techniques of professional counselling" for school supervisors in education departments in Irbid, Ajloun, Bani Kananah and Ramtha. The workshop aims at briefing participants on the importance of educational counselling to assist pupils to acquire the necessary information on the various trades and professions.

SUDANESE TEAM: A Sudanese police delegation headed by Maj.-Gen. Abdallah Abdol Sunday left Amman at the end of a three-day official visit to Jordan, during which they met with senior police officers and visited a number of public security centres.

RAWABDEH LEAVES: Greater Amman Mayor Abdul Ra'ouf Al Rawabdeh has left for Doha on a two-day visit to Qatar and talks with officials on cooperation between Amman and Doha in municipal affairs. Following the Qatar visit, Rawabdeh will go to Riyadh in Saudi Arabia on a similar visit.

NEW APPOINTMENT: The cabinet has appointed Yusef Hiyasat as director general of the Housing Corporation. Hiyasat had served as acting corporation director since the appointment of his predecessor Shafiq Zawaideh as minister of public works and housing in the recent cabinet reshuffle.

DONATION: The Bank of Jordan has decided to make a donation of JD 25,000 to the national effort for supporting the steadfastness and the uprising of the Palestinian people in the occupied Arab territories. A bank announcement said that the bank employees will give one day's pay of their salaries for a period of eight months for the same cause.

DEVELOPMENT: The Ministry of Social Development Saturday held a seminar on social development planning in Jordan during which means and methods of encouraging and ensuring collective participation from the public were discussed. Representatives from the Ministries of Social Development and Planning and also from the General Union of Voluntary Societies, the Queen Alia Social Welfare Fund, Noor Al Hussein Foundation, the Urban Development Department took part in the seminar which was organised by the Ministry of Social Development in cooperation with the Egyptian Cultural and Social Institute. The seminar was the first in a series of four seminars on "Development Planning" to be held in Jordan during 1988.

SCIENTIFIC DAY: The Jordanian Dentists Association (JDA) will hold a Scientific Day at the Professional Association Complex in Amman Friday. The event will include seminars, lectures and slide shows on subjects related to dental surgery and treatment.

MORE HEALTH CENTRES: The Ministry of Health will open primary health care centres in five new districts of Irbid and its neighbouring regions, each to serve 2,000 to 5,000 persons. Irbid Health Department Director Mu'tin Al Ghoul has announced. Ghoul said the opening of these centres is in line with the Ministry of Health's policy which is aimed at providing health care to all people in various governorates. The health department in Irbid, offers health education to families and women on child care, controls children's health at schools and the quality of food for the public, Ghoul said. In addition, Ghoul said, the department of health is charged with controlling the quality of drinking water.

NAOUR SPENDING: A total of JD 4 million has been spent by the public sector on development projects in Naour district during the past year, according to Naour Mayor Khalaf Al Hamid. He said that the private sector spent JD 2.25 million, mainly in the construction business, in the past year. The mayor said the municipality spent money on constructing roads, purchasing machinery and vehicles, lighting streets and on building and maintaining walls. He noted that the municipality spent JD 44,000 on building a complex for government departments and JD 120,000 on the purchase of land for building schools.

FRENCH FILMS: February will come to an end with a French accent in Jordan as the French Cultural Centre will present four movies depicting "the real image of society in France," at the Royal Cultural Centre (RCC) here. The programme which will run from Feb. 22-25 will include Le Rayon Vert, 1986, Le Lieu Du Crime 1986, Les Longs Manteaux 1986 and Quatre Aventures de Reinette et Mirabelle 1987.

SPANISH EXHIBITION: A photo exhibition about architecture in Spain will open in Amman Monday at the Spanish Cultural Centre. The 11-day exhibition, organised by the Spanish Foreign Ministry, will be touring a number of Arab states. On display, will be 50 colour photographs depicting architecture in Spain.

WATER RESOURCES: Jordan will take part in an international conference on water resources in the Middle East, due to be held in Japan on Feb. 22. The Jordanian delegation to the conference will present a working paper on strategies of water in Jordan.

Crown Prince attends People's Army graduation

AQABA (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, Sunday attended a graduation ceremony for the first batch of People's Army recruits from Aqaba district.

Prince Hassan watched the graduates perform exercises, re-assembling weapons and using them. They also carried out fire fighting and rescue operations. Acting Maan Governor Jamal Momani and the commander of the People's Army, both made speeches on the occasion, welcoming Prince Hassan, and expressing appreciation for his patronising the event.

Later, Prince Hassan distributed awards to those excelling in their training courses. He also gave the People's Army shield to the director general of the Jordanian Ports Corporation.

The ceremony was attended by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Education Thonqan Hindawi, senior army officials and local officials.

Meanwhile, another batch of People's Army recruits also graduated Sunday in Irbid.

The new batch represented young men from three regions in Irbid Governorate.

Fayez thanks Europe for stand on uprising

AMMAN (Petra) — Speaker of the Lower House of Parliament Akef Al Fayez Sunday thanked the members of the European Parliament for their condemnation of the Israeli oppressive measures against the Palestinian people in the occupied Arab territories.

In a message, he sent to the Speaker of the European Parliament, Sir Henry Plumber, Fayez said the Israeli practices contradict with the simplest principles of justice and conflict with the declaration of human rights. "Such practices pose a challenge

to the world public opinion and reflect the Israeli disregard of all international charters and conventions."

Fayez expressed parliament's appreciation of the European Parliament for their positive stand, saying that it is in compliance with Jordan's stand calling for the convening of an international peace conference under the auspices of the United Nations, to be attended by the five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council and the parties involved in the conflict.

Higher education talks end

AMMAN (Petra) — A two-day seminar on higher education in Jordan, organised by the Arab Women Graduate Club, concluded here Sunday and entrusted a special committee with formulating the seminar's recommendations, to be issued after two days, in order to submit them to the Ministry of Higher Education.

The ministry, in turn, will submit the recommendations to the Council of Higher Education for

approval. Secretary General of the Higher Council for Science and Technology Adnan Badran presented a working paper on the role of higher education in development of community.

Badran also noted that allocations for supporting scientific research are limited and called for increasing them and for supplying the scientific research institutions with the well-trained cadres.

Sheikh Khayyat appeals for more donations

Ministry continues aid to needy families in occupied territories

AMMAN (Petra + J.T.) — The Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs is now paying monthly allowances to 165 needy families in the occupied Arab territories, Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al Khayyat announced Sunday.

The minister also said that urgent assistance is being given to 117 male and female students from these territories living and studying in East Bank universities.

Acting upon directives from His Majesty King Hussein, the ministry is now paying between JD 60,000 and JD 70,000 a month to the needy families and to students living in the East Bank who are cut off from their families and parents, who used to pay for their fees, the minister said.

The money has been collected by the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Zakat Fund (alms for the poor) and the donations came from individuals, banks, and various institutions in the Kingdom, Sheikh Khayyat noted.

He said there were two Saudi nationals among donors who contributed JD 50,000 each. In addition, the Zakat Fund pays JD 10,000 monthly to the families of the martyrs who fell in the current uprising against the Israeli occupation, the minister noted.

The Zakat Fund, the minister said, plans to increase sums paid to the Arab families in the occupied territories, in view of the volume of contributions it is receiving from the public.

So far 117 students have been given JD 50 monthly. But the fund has received requests for help from more than 1,000 students, according to Sheikh Khayyat.

He said that the Zakat Fund is the only channel through which donations can be sent to the Arab inhabitants in the occupied Arab territories. The minister appealed to all citizens to offer contributions to their brethren in the occupied Arab territory and said that it is part of the people's national and religious duty towards their brothers in adversity.

The Ministry of Awqaf earlier set up a special committee for raising funds for the Arab inhabitants and the martyrs' families, and said it opened a bank account for these contributions at the Islamic Development Bank in Amman.

In his statement, Khayyat said that "a total of 23 small committees in the East Bank and 17 in the West Bank are involved in raising contributions for this noble cause."

Khayyat meets Spanish envoy

Sheikh Khayyat met here Sunday with Spanish Ambassador to Jordan Ramon Armengol to review bilateral relations.

The minister paid tribute to the Spanish government's stand vis-à-vis Arab causes and its support for the Arab nation's views on the Palestine problem.

He also reviewed with the ambassador the current uprising in the occupied Arab territories and heard from the ambassador a briefing on the condition of the Muslim community in Spain.

Sheikh Khayyat and the ministry's Secretary General Abdul Salam Al Abbadi will take part in a meeting of the Islamic Research Academy which will be held in Cairo in the coming month.

The meeting, to be held between March 4 and 8, will discuss Zakat and other important subjects of concern to the Islamic people.

Ministers of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs in Arab and Islamic nations are expected to take part in the coming meeting.

In a separate development the ministry has issued instructions to all transport companies, entrusted with carrying Muslim pilgrims to Mecca in the coming pilgrimage season, to open special offices for registering would-be pilgrims.

The ministry also issued defined instructions about the work and functions of these offices

which are to be set up in all governorates and cities.

According to the ministry, Feb. 29 will be the last date for opening these offices.

The ministry urged all would-be pilgrims to prepare their necessary documents for the trip.

More funds to support uprising

Meanwhile, Minister of Occupied Territories Affairs Marwan Dudin handed a cheque to the President of the Jordanian Bar Association Hussein Mujalli for sums to be sent in support of Arab lawyers under Israeli rule.

He said: Upon directives from Prime Minister Zaid Rifai, the government has now resumed paying assistance to the lawyers who have been refraining from working for the Israeli authorities.

The cheque, he said, covers sums due between June 1987 and February 1988.

The decision to resume paying assistance to the lawyers of the West Bank, was taken by the prime minister during his meeting with Mujalli and a delegation from the West Bank lawyers on Jan. 27.

Mujalli paid tribute to the government for its response and its assistance to the lawyers, and said he was confident that the government will continue paying assistance as long as the lawyers continue to resist occupation rule.

Dudin meets U.K. parliamentary team

AMMAN (Petra) — A British parliamentary delegation Sunday called on Minister of Occupied Territories Affairs Marwan Dudin for a discussion on the Middle East situation.

The delegation, whose members had visited the occupied West Bank and the Gaza Strip before coming to the East Bank,

called on the international community to shoulder its responsibilities towards the implementation of the U.N. Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338.

They said Britain has supported a call for ending the Arab-Israeli conflict through the implementation of these two resolutions at an international Middle

East conference.

"The British government has repeatedly expressed its concern over the situation in the Israeli-held Arab lands, and Israel's repressive measures against the Arab citizens, especially during the ongoing uprising," the delegation members said.

Government to make over 8,000 jobs available

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Civil Service Commission (CSC) expects that between 8,000 and 10,000 openings will be available for job seekers in government departments during 1988, according to CSC Director Ibrahim Izzeddin.

Izzeddin was quoted by Al Dustour Arabic daily as saying that the CSC had 39,000 applications for jobs by the end of 1987.

In the interview Izzeddin said, last year the CSC recommended that more than 10,000 applicants, many of whom were university graduates, be offered jobs at various government departments.

Amman Police nab gang of thieves

AMMAN — The Amman Police Department has lately broken up a gang of robbers and arrested its four members, following a series of thefts and acts of robbery in Amman and four districts around the capital.

A police department spokesman said that the gang, two sisters, their brother and an uncle, had committed 12 robberies, stealing jewellery, television, video sets and other items worth altogether JD 40,000.

The police were alerted to the robberies by the owners of homes and stores in the Jabal Jedd, Al Haj Hassan Housing Estate, Quweisemeh and Abu Alanda, all in the Amman region, the spokesman noted.

He said that police were tipped about the two girls, identified only as R.Sh. and F.Sh., who had been in the habit of peddling the stolen jewellery in Amman and had placed them under strict surveillance.

The two girls were eventually apprehended while trying to sell a diamond necklace to a jeweller, and a subsequent search of their homes revealed the presence of JD 20,000 worth of jewellery which they admitted to stealing from the home of Abdul Wahhab Al Huneiti, the spokesman added.

He said that upon interrogation, the two girls gave away the names of their brother and uncle who were immediately arrested. The police have found different items of jewellery, television and video sets at their home.

The spokesman said the two men, identified as 28-year-old S.F.S. and 23-year-old A.A.S. Sh. living in Amman and Abu Alanda respectively, had been in the practice of breaking into homes for stealing.

He said the stolen items found with the robbers have been already returned to their owners.

'Children must self-direct, self-correct and self-regulate their language'

Expert disapproves of old teaching methods

By Najwa Najjar
Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Old assumptions on the teaching of reading and writing, which have been accepted virtually without question by the majority of parents, teachers and teacher educators, are proving to be obsolete and to have actually hindered the children's progress in becoming fully functionally literate, an expert on education has said.

Professor of education at Acadia University in Nova Scotia, Canada, Dr. David Doake, who is in Amman to present a workshop on child literacy and new strategies in this field, said a reassessment of the methods used to teach children how to read and write are underway in many countries throughout the world, and Jordan may be the first Third World country to employ the new methods.

In an interview with the Jordan Times he outlined the old assumptions and suggested a new set of assumptions which he calls "naturalistically-based" assumptions. The latter was started in New Zealand, Doake's home-country. He played a large role in developing this theory and in introducing it to schools in Canada. The new assumptions have started to penetrate some classrooms in the U.S. as well.

According to Doake, the society was made to believe that the process of reading and writing begins at school and that the parent's role is minimal. "Reading and writing are not natural language-learning processes and must be taught. When the child is ready to learn then society has the responsibility to correct the child and not allow for any experimentation or deviation from the letter perfect adult model. And the reading and writing programmes devised by experts for schoolchildren cannot be questioned."

However, Doake believes that if a child does not like to read and write, it is because books do not play a major role in the child's upbringing, they are not introduced early enough in the child's life or the experiences associated with reading and writing were not pleasurable to the child. In a literary home, reading and writing play a significant role in the family's life and parents share books with the children on a daily basis.

Doake, who has come to Jordan for several visits, noted:

"From what I have seen in Jordan, I think that a fair percentage of Arabs do not like reading out loud to their children in either Arabic or English." He added that parents may not read to their children because their own experience with reading and writing was not pleasurable.

"Often the case is that during reading class, the student (now a parent) must read out loud in front of his classmates. Being tested on something that the student has not seen or chosen, can be unpleasant and stressful. More so if the student makes mistakes. Therefore, reading is associated with anxiety and becomes an adverse activity," he explained.

'At risk' children

Doake stressed that reading to children without showing them that it is enjoyable can also have adverse effects. "Children are very susceptible to the feeling of adults. If you don't enjoy it, don't expect them to enjoy it," he said. "The child must associate warmth and feelings with the reading, this is what makes it pleasurable for the child."

"Children who come to school without a literacy background are at risk," said Doake. "At risk" children find learning to read very difficult especially simple storybooks with corresponding exercise books.

"What usually happens is that children learn the skills without learning to read," he said. The simple stories which are called 'basal' books, and what someone once called the only language in print that was never spoken by any human, are effective in diverting the child's attention, Doake said.

He showed a 'basal' children's book. The first picture of a dog had a caption "Sam", the second picture said "sit Sam", and the third picture and the end of the story said "Sam sits".

"Is a child supposed to be excited about this?" he asked.

Similar children's books can be found in the hands of Arabic pre-schoolers. "Rarely in Jordan can you find a whole story, usually you find sentences or maybe a poem," he said. "Not only is the nature of the story uninteresting, but the story is accompanied by an exercise book which consumes 80 per cent of the child's reading time."

Another factor which may impede the child's love for books is late introduction to books. Doake believes that the child should be read to at birth. "We



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ment those in the child's home. When a child begins to write, Doake noted that the teachers' main concern is usually correcting mistakes, rather than concentrating on the content. "If a child's paper is always returned with red marks, the child loses interest."

However, if the teacher comments on the topic, the child will want to improve his work, and more so if he or she knows that their work is going to be published.

For Doake publishing a child's work is one of the best incentives for writing. "If a child knows that his written work will be published, the child will make the effort to make his work more interesting and to be more careful."

Usually the teacher is the child's only audience and critic. Doake suggested "conferencing" of the young writers, whereby the teacher does not look at the children's works in a corrective manner, but rather encourages them to read their work and responds to the flow and meaning of the stories. To Doake it is more important for the teacher to raise the appropriate questions rather than give direction and take ownership of the work. The latter occurs when the teacher tells the child how he should write.

Although "conferencing" may be the most difficult task for the teacher, it is the most beneficial for the child, he said, "by not stressing conformity, the teacher frees the child from becoming a dependent learner."

Doake believes that it is essential for the child to self-direct, self-correct, and self-regulate his language, thereby controlling the

rate of learning. "The principle control in learning to read and write must remain with the child. Our role is to support the child with pleasurable experiences," he said, adding that intervention in a constructive way should be discouraged.

"After telling a child when, what and how to read and write, when the child grows older, we shouldn't be surprised if the child only reads and writes, when we tell them to. We have controlled the process."

Intelligence "does play" a role in the learning process, but Doake stressed that immersion in quality written language from birth is more important. He pointed to successful experiments with Downs Syndrome children when were read to from birth.

"It is essential for the initial experiences, whether oral or written, to be joyful for the child if he or she is to become a reader or a writer," he said, adding, "to become a writer, one must first become reader. After a child has been read thousands of books, and when he or she comes to write, they will have several patterns and structures of stories to choose from."

The workshop, which will follow a presentation by Doake on Monday, will explore in more details, the importance in teaching children to read and write, the roles the classroom and parents must play, strategies which can help the child's progress and ways of monitoring the child's progress.

The workshop and lecture is open to all those who are interested in child development, and sponsored by the Friends of the Children Club.

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Liberty, which one?

APART from the political ramifications of the American move to close the PLO's observer mission at the U.N., Washington's renewed campaign against the PLO exposes yet another aspect of the double-faced policy and thinking of American decision-makers. On the one hand, they are withholding the U.S. financial contribution to the U.N., accusing the world body of wasting resources and of an anti-American bias; while on the other, they themselves are openly violating the treaty obligations under which the U.S. hosts the United Nations headquarters at New York. More surprising is the fact that the move against the PLO was initiated by the U.S. Congress, which prides itself as comprising people's representatives who are dedicated to the noble ideals of the American constitution — liberty, self-determination, freedom of speech, and all the rest of it — the same ideals that the PLO symbolises in its continued struggle for liberation of the Palestinian people.

The American attorney general, who has taken the oath to uphold the principles of the U.S. constitution and to safeguard it against violations, faces a tricky question of which comes first: The U.S. treaty with the U.N., under which there could be no justification for closing the PLO mission, or the legislation approved by Congress ordering the closure. There is no doubt where the support of President Reagan lies; he has already signed the legislation ordering the closure.

With the Arab call for an emergency meeting of the General Assembly to discuss the move against the PLO mission, and the support declared by the U.N. secretary-general for the Arab case, there is no doubt that a bitter American-U.N. dispute is in the making. No-one needs any reminder that superpower rivalry over the years has weakened the U.N.'s role as a global forum. It is time that the international community rose up in unison against an open violation by superpower of one of the fundamental pillars of the world body. For the Arabs, the option of proposing moving the U.N. general headquarters from New York should not be beyond consideration.

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Al Ra'i: King's message

KING Hussein in an important message to Harvard University has warned of the danger inherent in any delay in finding a just solution for the Middle East problem. For many years, he said the people of the Middle East have been promised peace which never came, and he stressed that the Arabs have had suffered injustice for so long. This injustice was done in 1947 when the U.N. General Assembly ratified a partition plan for Palestine thus paving the ground for the establishment of Israel on Arab territory. Over the past four decades, the King said, the Palestinian land had witnessed five wars and great sufferings ending up with more injustice and tragedy for the Arabs when their lands were occupied in 1967. In his message, the King was keen to note the inhuman Israeli practices in the occupied territories which he said were increasing the sufferings and the frustration of the Palestinian people leading to the present uprising. The uprising, he added, has been increasing in intensity every day, reminding the world community of the fact that occupation should not be allowed to continue. The King said that the key to peace in the Middle East lies in the recognition of the Palestinian people's rights in their homeland, and it is time for the United Nations to use its power for making peace through an international conference attended by all parties to the conflict. The King noted that any attempt to exclude the Palestinians from such a conference will be doomed, since no peace plan can succeed without the participation of the people who are considered the first victims of the Israeli aggression on Arab land.

Al Dustour: King sums up situation

IN a message to Harvard University, King Hussein said that the Palestinian people's uprising against Israeli occupation has been increasing in intensity, reminding the world community of their present plight and calling for an end to occupation that has caused the Arabs so much sufferings. The Palestine problem, the King said, was an embodiment of sufferings and injustice done to the Palestinian people and which should be removed so that the Middle East region can live in peace. The King reminded his audience that four million Palestinian people have been deprived of their land and their national identity since 1947 when Palestine was partitioned, paving the ground for the creation of a Jewish state on Arab land. If the world in general and the Middle East in particular wants to avoid another tragedy and disaster, a speedy solution should be found for the Palestine problem through the United Nations which can and should implement Security Council Resolution 242 that provides for swapping land for peace. Therefore, the King said, Jordan has been demanding and continues to demand the convening of an international conference for the implementation of that resolution and the establishment of peace based on justice. What the Middle East wants now, the King said, is a comprehensive peace which can be enjoyed by the future generations, and guaranteed by the world community.

Sawt Al Shaab: King urges U.N. to lead

KING Hussein's message to Harvard University serves as a reference document for the United Nations which ought to work for establishing peace in the Middle East. In his message, the King presented a political solution for the Arab-Israeli problem, urging the United Nations to shoulder its responsibility in carrying it out and to bring about the aspired peace. King Hussein reminded the world community of the need for all nations to work for peace and to save the future generations from more wars and disasters, pointing particularly to the situation in the Arab region which has been witnessing one war after another since the 1947 partition of Palestine. The King summed up the injustice that had befallen the Palestinian people by saying that four million people have been deprived of their ancestors' land by force and have been driven out of their territory and denied a national identity. He said that Israel has been occupying Palestinian land and has been rejecting all moves to establish peace and an end to occupation. Injustice can only lead to violence in the form of an uprising like the one that is going on in the Arab territory at present; and the world should therefore move quickly to implement U.N. Security Council resolutions to stop further violence and tragedy. An end to tragedy, the King stressed, can come through an international conference in which all parties to the conflict can participate in laying down the foundation of a lasting peace.

Fears on both sides

By Waleed Sadi

THE ISRAELI body politic offers normally two principal reasons for rejecting any peace formula with the Arab parties which would envisage Israeli withdrawal from occupied Arab territories in return for peace. One such reason which had been advanced in hush-hush manner rather than in a direct and open demeanour argues that a peace agreement with the Arabs is not worth the paper on which it is written. Thus the preference for territory over peace agreement as a permanent and durable insurance policy against any futuristic Arab designs on Israel proper. Land for Israel has thus become an equivalent to the strategic defence initiative (SDI) for the Americans. To rebut such absurd mistrust of the Arabs as not being able to honour their words and commitments to Israel, the Arab side is at pains to explain that the attainment of honourable and just solutions to the Palestinian case and the overall Arab-Israeli conflict are the most proficient assurances for their durability. The Arab policy-makers have long called for solutions with which future Arab and Israeli generations can live with. In setting the alarm against unjust and incomplete resolutions of the Palestinian problem and the all encompassing Arab-Israeli conflict, the Arab World was particularly concerned about exactly the same anxiety that bothers the Israelis as well, to wit, the solutions must be just in order to be durable. Otherwise future generations would simply revolt against them and rescind them as fast as circumstances change and lead themselves to rectifications of past commitments.

The other major criterion that Israelis submit against putting their faith in pieces of paper and withdrawal from Arab territories is of a military dimension. Most Israelis are afraid to withdraw their forces to the 1967 armistice lines because they point out that such a withdrawal would reduce the breadth of their country right in the

heartland of their state to mere 15 kilometres. Their military strategists, past and present, argue that only a fool would allow such a military development to occur. They scream that the country would be rendered indefensible should Israel consent to such Arab demands. And in the back of the minds of the Israeli military is the ongoing suspicion that the Arabs may not honour their peace commitments to Israel when their confidence in themselves is retrieved and fortified.

Well, the Arab side have rebutted such arguments over and over again, asserting that peaceful coexistence between neighbouring states can never be secured by military might alone. Should Israel cling to the false hopes of maintaining its security in the Middle East by sheer dependence on its military preparedness, a day will surely come when the military tide may reverse itself in favour of the Arab side. This is the primary lesson of history which surely the Israeli policy-makers must be aware of. This particular region of the world has seen great, mighty empires come and go and Israeli golden days are definitely not a permanent feature in this region of the world. Over and above such considerations, what possible military difference can be had whether Israel's waist is 15 or 50 kilometres given the constant innovations in military technology? Do the Israeli military strategists really believe that Israel's security could be that much more advanced and bolstered by widening Israel's waist to even 75 kilometres? Moreover, all this talk about borders and defensible frontiers leads one to an inevitable conclusion:

Since Israel has no defined borders anyway and whatever frontiers that existed in 1967 were sheer armistice lines, nothing more and nothing else, why not then entertain the possibility of

redefining Israel's borders from A to Z in order to accommodate its exaggerated complexes and phobia about defensible borders and at the same time address the issues posed by Arab centres of population within Israel proper as well? After all Israel wishes to be a pure and unadulterated Jewish state. Accordingly the less Arabs within "it" the better it is for Israeli psyche and sense of nationhood. It will be recalled that there are over half a million Israeli Arabs with "Israel" which Israel would probably prefer to have them on the other side of their borders. It would also be recalled that part of the Galilee was partitioned by the U.N. in the first place to the Arab side because of the high density of the Palestinian population there. All these considerations would lead one to the inevitable conclusion that the process of partitioning "old Palestine" can be reviewed all over again in the context of a permanent and durable peace agreement that is sought by all the concerned parties. Such redrawing of borders would be directed to satisfy and reconcile the dual purposes of keeping the major Arab populated areas and districts in Palestine out of Israel at the same time rectify the width of Israel to allay any lingering Israeli fears about being left with indefensible borders. If Arab borders with Israel in 1967 are not deemed sacrosanct by Israel, surely then, Israel's frontiers with the Arab World cannot be construed as sacrosanct either. If the Arabs must make territorial concessions to Israel to make its borders more secure psychologically and militarily, then Israel must be prepared to make equal territorial concessions with a view, for example, to make the Arab Galilee part of the Arab World. All this might sound too farfetched at the onset but upon further scrutiny, such ideas may offer a way out of the current impasse between Israel and the Arabs.

Tel Avivians feel less threatened by Arab uprising

By Nicolas B. Tatro
The Associated Press

TEL AVIV — Protests in the occupied territories are only an hour's drive from Tel Aviv, but there are no outward signs that the uprising is dampening spirits in Israel's entertainment capital. On a recent Saturday night, young couples of army age crowded into the popular Cherry's Cafe, and the decibels were as dead as ever at the punk-rock "Cafe Dan" discotheque.

"People's day-to-day life is not affected unless they have Arabs working for them. I think a lot of people ignore the trouble because it seems far away," said Rickie Gal, a leading rock singer whose blonde hair was streaked with a slash of red.

But, sitting in a cafe on Dizengoff street, the centre of Tel Aviv's night-life, Ms. Gal said she was recording her first political song to protest the violence. "It says yes, enough war, and no hate and the use of force," she said.

Because Israel is a small country little that happens is geographically remote. Tel Aviv is 80 kilometres from Gaza and 50 kilometres from Nablus, the West Bank's largest city.

The psychological distance is much greater because a large percentage of Israelis rarely, if ever, visit the occupied lands unless they are forced to by an

army callup.

In contrast, Jerusalem-area houses had picture windows and windshields smashed by protesters and several private cars have been burned in nighttime attacks.

Israelis in the Tel Aviv metropolitan area, which has 1.5 million Jews and about 10,000 Arabs, say they feel much less threatened than Israelis who live 45 minutes away in Jerusalem, which has a one-third Arab population and borders the West Bank.

"In Tel Aviv, being so fully Jewish, you never really feel events like this the way you do in Jerusalem. There is a different feeling in the air. People go on with their life as usual," said Benny Cohen, a city spokesman.

He said the mood was summed up in a current pop song by army singers from the Southern Command Band, titled "Tel Aviv is not worried."

But in Israel, with only 4.2 million inhabitants, crises tend to have a strong impact.

"People are very aware of the situation and caught up in it, but Jerusalem is a more political city. By nature, the ratio of politics to barroom conversations is lower in Tel Aviv than in Jerusalem," said Zeev Chavets, an Israeli author and immigrant from the United States.

Tel Avivians have been called to reserve duty in the occupied areas just like other Israelis.

Others employ some of the 40,000 Arabs who provide menial labour for Tel Aviv hotels, restaurants, construction sites and factories.

Frequent Arab strikes have affected city garbage collection, with more than half the 350 Arab workers staying home. Several hundred Arab restaurant staff fled Tel Aviv's Yermiyahu restaurant district this week after being threatened.

Shapeli Bahar, owner of the Hippopotamus restaurant, said six Arabs, including both cooks, went home after two Arab militants came to the kitchen door and threatened to harm the workers' families if they did not observe a boycott of Israeli businesses.

"I am a cook, so it wasn't so bad. I took a few beatings, all kinds of tourists from England and two Chileans who were passing through town," Bahar said. Tel Aviv is also Israel's intellectual capital and the uprising by Palestinian nationalists has spurred many writers and artists to urge peace negotiations, and an end to the policy of using beatings and force against the 1.5 million residents of the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The Association of Israeli Playwrights organised a gathering in the Tzavta theatre Tuesday, which drew widely known actors, singers and authors, including several who had not previously expressed their views publicly on the revolt in the occupied lands.



"The most difficult struggle is taking place in the minds of Israelis. It's a struggle between emotions and reason," Ely Sarid, 33, said during a debate with a group of young intellectuals and artists who gathered in

his one-room apartment.

Sarid, a teacher of film-making who was a tank commander in the 1973 Middle East war and has done reserve duty in the West Bank, said the uprising has made him ready "to challenge the au-

thorities." "If I am called up, I will go. But I won't beat anyone or do anything to support the occupation," he said. "If they put me in a tank, I will aim the cannon outside the borders."

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Goulding: Jordan seeks deeper U.N. involvement

route to Sanaa, held talks with Goulding Sunday. Masri had attended meetings of an Arab League foreign ministers committee entrusted with following up on the Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories.

In his remarks later to reporters, Goulding said he did not raise with Jordanian officials the prospects of Amman pressuring Damascus for efforts to release Lieutenant-Colonel William Richard Higgins, an American officer working for the U.N. who was kidnapped last week in South Lebanon. Goulding said the Syrians "have already expressed their readiness to help release the kidnapped."

Answering a question on U.S. peace proposals, Goulding said: "I have encountered a sense of satisfaction" that the U.S. had become active again in the search

for peace in the region.

"There is obviously great interest in what U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz will have to say when he visits the region. But I cannot claim I encountered a great deal of optimism," he said.

In his talks with Goulding Sunday, Dudo also spoke about the deteriorating economic, social and educational and health situation in the occupied Arab territories and Israel's measures aimed at impeding the territories' economic progress.

The minister briefed Goulding on the Jordanian programme for social and economic development in the West Bank and Gaza and other assistance that is being channelled to the occupied territories.

The minister also spoke about the Jordanian government's

Israelis kill 2 more Palestinians

illegal orders, including random beatings.

A leaflet distributed Sunday urged Palestinians to show "national outrage in the face of the Shultz visit." The leaflet, signed by the "United National Leadership of the Uprising," called for a week of strikes and demonstrations.

Shultz is tentatively scheduled to arrive Thursday, bringing with him a plan he hopes will reignite the stalled peace process.

The leaflet called for a day of solidarity Monday with those killed, wounded or arrested in the disturbances, a national hunger strike Tuesday, general strikes Wednesday and Thursday, demonstrations Friday and a defiance of curfews Saturday.

"Let us increase the occupation's political, moral and economic losses and remember that the Vietnamese won their war against

the Americans not only with guns but also through the struggle of their peasants," the leaflet said. The Americans have discussed the Shultz visit with local Palestinians, said a U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Watt Clavarius, a deputy to Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy, met with a group of about 10 Palestinians from the West Bank and Gaza Strip Saturday, according to Arab and American sources.

The Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Friday asked West Bank and Gaza Palestinians not to talk with Shultz. But Dr. Yasser Obeid, one of those who met with Clavarius, said the participants hoped the PLO would change its mind.

"We hope that such a meeting will happen," Obeid said, adding that Clavarius explained details of the U.S. plan.

Moscow seeks 'more active role'

He called a recent offer by Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev to begin withdrawing Soviet troops by May 15 "a missing key" to settling the Afghan war.

During his stay, Shultz was due to have four rounds of talks with Shevardnadze and meeting with Gorbachev and Prime Minister Nikolai Ryzhkov, focusing on arms control and the conflicts in Afghanistan, the Gulf and the

Middle East. Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir has resisted Soviet participation in the search for a Middle East settlement.

During a news conference Saturday in Helsinki, Shultz said Soviet restrictions on emigration and religious practice and the absence of diplomatic relations between the Kremlin and Israel stood as obstacles to a Soviet role in the Mideast peace process.

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Palestinians and the danger of brain drain

Palestinians are to be found in key positions of authority all over the Middle East and beyond. Palestinian writers, bankers, financiers, engineers, doctors, lawyers and journalists are scattered throughout the diaspora. Some of these high-flying professionals received their early education in the broken down, overcrowded schools of the occupied territories but found it necessary to emigrate in order to utilise their talents. Consequently, their qualifications and considerable skills are now being put to use elsewhere. But while the Palestinians help the international community, who helps the Palestinians? Drew Harrison of the Middle East magazine reports from occupied Jerusalem.

PEOPLE throughout the world set great store by education, frequently seeing it as the key to social transformation. For the Palestinians of the occupied territories, a sound education has long been a growing awareness of the role. Palestinian schools have to play in preparing young people for the society they can expect to enter and concern is being voiced that the system — as it exists at present — is not fulfilling that requirement.

The shortcomings in Palestinian education both in Israel and the occupied territories have been amply chronicled. Grossly inadequate facilities and a lack of qualified teachers hamper the learning process on both sides of the "green line." The press has related horror stories of Arab schools where four students are forced to huddle around a desk intended for one; where rooms are lit by only a bare bulb and a lack of adequate ventilation means windows must be left open even in the midst of winter. Indeed, the start of classes in the Israeli sector delayed this autumn because of strikes in protest against the huge disparity in standards between Arab and Jewish schools. Many Arab children study in cramped classrooms in a selection of scattered rented buildings, often lacking bathrooms or, in some cases even windows and doors.

For the Ministry of Education, which oversees Arab schools in Israel, the problem stems from the same financial crisis that stifles much of the public sector. Majid Al Haj, an education specialist at Haifa University has assessed a need for 1,300 new classrooms and at least 4,000 more teachers, in order to meet the minimum requirement for stocking Arab schools in Israel. Instead, budget constraints mean that 400 existing teachers will lose their jobs and schools on which construction has already started will remain unfinished and empty, while Arab students continue to huddle four to a desk. The Israelis say the Arab community could form volunteer committees

— as Israeli parents do — to raise funds for the much-needed equipment. But few dispute that Arab facilities are woefully inferior to those of their Israeli counterparts.

Fewer statistics are available for gauging the needs of Palestinian students in the occupied territories. Controls — based on comparison with Egyptian or Jordanian curricula — are absent and, without direction or guidance, Palestinian educators are fully stretched maintaining minimum standards of classroom performance. Facilities in the schools are poor, so concerns similar to those faced by Palestinian teachers in Israel apply equally in the West Bank and Gaza. But, in addition, there is a growing dispute over how years of schooling undertaken in the vacuum of the occupation can adequately prepare the young to work within the society.

Shift system

Nearly 80 per cent of West Bank students attend government schools. The remainder are divided between the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) establishments and private institutions. Initial evidence of the need of higher staff allocations is reflected in the overcrowded classrooms, where the average student-teacher ratio is estimated at over 30 to 1. In Gaza the school day operates on a shift system in order to accommodate the burgeoning student population.

Shortage of space and funds leave little or no room for auxiliary facilities such as libraries, laboratories or gymnasiums. Language instruction is usually conducted without adequate library or audio-visual equipment and the principles of science are taught without the benefits of practical experimentation in a laboratory. All this ensures continuation of the traditional style of learning by rote, where high grades are won through memorisation rather than through creative or critical thinking. And, as Israeli censors can take years to



The present system leaves Palestinian students ill equipped to meet the needs of their society.

approve new textbooks, some of the teaching materials currently in use are outdated to the point of uselessness.

A Palestinian teacher's salary rates 35-50 per cent less than that of his Jordanian or Israeli counterpart, so most are forced to take a second job. Many teachers hire out their services as private tutors after school hours to those who can afford to pay for them. Little funding is available for ongoing teacher training which might take into account the problems Palestinian students are facing. Therefore, apart from the basic material concerns, the style and direction of education the Palestinians are receiving is poorly suited to the needs of their evolving society. Students in the occupied territories follow the model which was in operation before the start of the Israeli occupation, an inherited system which is outmoded in the present climate. The status associated with the title of doctor or engineer assures the graduation of a number of such professions far in excess of what the society requires. Meanwhile, the middle ranks of the semi-profession dwindle in neglect. Healthcare staff, computer technicians, counsellors and craftsmen are critically under-represented. Palestinians are not educating for their future.

The temptation of unskilled but relatively well paid opportunities for day labourers in Israel has pulled many Palestinians away from work in service of their own sector. Additionally a



shortage of jobs for college graduates, means that on completion of their studies, most Palestinian students find it necessary to emigrate to find work commensurate with their experience, or face the prospect of permanent under-employment. The present style of education, which rewards conformity, ensures that few innovators will excel. Likewise, a system that produces an overabundance of professionals is working in direct contradiction of the construction and maintenance of a self-sufficient society which cries out for people with a wide variety of skills. Under the present system

the white collar potential goes abroad to find employment, while Israel draws the blue collar workers. Thus, despite an ever higher number of educated citizens, vast sections of Palestinian society continue to remain under-developed.

Those who remain at home question a system of education which has left them ill-equipped for a productive role in their society. The constraints of living under occupation are often blamed as the main source of stagnation in Palestinian life. But the occasional stories of a successful entrepreneur or innovator demonstrate that much can be done when individuals are prepared to take the initiative. The tools for policy revision are within Palestinian hands. Some changes are being effected through the growth of practical two-year college courses and other alternative training institutes. But the root of the Palestinian education problem begins long before university age. Perhaps, the real solution lies with the early school educators who can point beyond the immediate and obvious limitations and instill in the young a vision of the future within their grasp.

Randa Habib's Corner

Selling the country?

JORDAN must be proud of the fact that it is considered by scholars and archaeologists as "an open museum." Indeed, our country's richness with ancient archaeological and pre-historic sites give us all the pride and content about our heritage that is deeply rooted in history.

This image, however, could be tarnished by the intrusion by irresponsible people over the country's priceless stones, ruins and cultural objects. I've heard about cases where some citizens are selling whatever they can get their hands on for amazingly cheap prices, objects that can fetch thousands of dinars.

Of course it is not the price that counts here, what is urgently needed, is for concerned authorities to crack down on what can be called heritage trafficking rings to stop the drain of our treasures. It would be equally important to launch a public awareness campaign so that everyone could realise the damage that could be done to the country, especially when a great deal of stolen ruins could be smuggled abroad.

However, no matter how ignorant those ruin dealers may be, their sinners acts, which rise to the level of treason, should not pass without punishment.

Doctors put balloons in head to stop strokes

By Daniel Q. Haney
The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Some people with dangerously weakened blood vessels in the head may benefit from a new therapy that permanently inserts balloons in the arteries that supply the brain with blood, researchers said Feb. 20.

The technique appears to be a highly effective way of preventing strokes in people with bulging arteries at the base of the brain, the researchers said.

Doctors have experimented with the technique for several years, but they say the latest refinements have overcome earlier drawbacks and should make it a safe way to stop lethal attacks in some people.

The treatment is designed to block off vessels that are likely to burst, flooding the brain with blood. Doctors from the University of Illinois in Chicago said they have tried it on 14 people, and in 13 of them it appears to be working well.

All of the patients had giant aneurysms. These are bulging weak spots, often an inch (2.5 cm) across, in one of the two lateral carotid arteries that supply blood to the brain.

The treatment is not intended for people with smaller aneurysms that can be treated in other ways.

The results of the latest study, directed by Dr. Jafar J. Jafar, were presented at a stroke conference sponsored by the American Heart Association.

One of several

The balloon therapy represents one of several new medical and surgical approaches being developed to prevent strokes or minimise the damage once they occur.

Strokes are the third-leading cause of death in the United States after heart disease and cancer. They kill about 150,000 people annually.

Most strokes occur when a blood clot blocks an artery in the brain, starving the tissue of oxygen. However, about 10 per cent result from burst blood vessels that cause bleeding, or hemorrhage, inside the head.

Earlier attempts to block off giant aneurysms with balloons

have been marred by small strokes called transient ischemic attacks, among other problems.

"In the past, there have been a lot of complications with this approach," said Dr. Vladimir C. Hachinski of University Hospital in London, Ontario. "This paper seems to be saying that there are instances where it will help."

Four main arteries supply blood to the brain. Even one of these arteries is shut off with a balloon, enough blood reaches the brain from the other three.

"It's like the water system of a city," Jafar said. "Four viaducts bring the water in. You shut one of them off, and the others can still supply enough water to the city."

Technique refined

Jafar said he was able to avoid complications with a series of refinements in the technique, including measuring the brain's blood supply before permanently inserting the balloon.

The patient first receives a blood-thinning drug. While the patient is awake under local anesthesia, doctors use a thin tube called a catheter to push a deflated balloon through the arteries into the head. It stops just before the aneurysm, which usually occurs at the base of the brain in one of the carotid arteries.

Theo the balloon is filled with fluid, shooting off the artery. Next, the doctors check the flow of blood to the brain from the other arteries. If it is adequate, the balloon is left in place. But if it is too weak, the balloon is removed.

When this happens, the patient is given a drug called mannitol, which increases the flow of blood through the arteries to the brain. In a day or two, the balloon is put back and re-inflated and the three other arteries can accommodate the increased flow.

The one patient in whom the treatment failed suffered a mild stroke during the procedure. All the other patients are doing fine during follow-up periods ranging from six months to four years.

"This series was very effective," said Dr. Louis R. Caplan of Tufts Medical School in Boston. "It's not applicable to all people with run-of-the-mill aneurysms."

Secret of sleep still as elusive as a dream

National Geographic

WASHINGTON — The nightly rendezvous with sleep is one of the most ancient of human rituals. Yet, despite decades of research and numerous theories, the answer to the basic question of why people sleep remains as elusive as a dream.

What controls the clocks deep in our brains that sound taps and revells, that conduct the daily orchestra of our body rhythms? Is there a real reason to sleep? Why do some people sleep too much and others, not enough?

"After the common cold, difficulty with sleeping is perhaps our most prevalent health complaint," writes Michael E. Long in the December National Geographic.

An estimated 100 million Americans suffer from troubled sleep. A 67-year-old man dreams he's on a football field, and in reality tackles his dresser. A 77-year-old minister flies from his bed and crashes to the floor. More than 50 sleep disorders have been identified, including insomnia, head banging, leg kicking, sleepwalking, night terrors, sleep paralysis, and narcolepsy — sudden, uncontrollable slumber.

To ease the torment, at least 170 sleep clinics operate in the United States. Treatments include drugs, sleep-style changes, even surgery. The most frequent patrons of sleep clinics complain of trouble staying awake in the daytime. The major cause of their problem is apnea, the repeated cessation of breathing, usually associated with snoring, that robs them of needed rest.

How long people sleep appears to be related to how long they'll live, research has shown. Between 7 and 7.9 hours a day correlates with the best longevity.

What is sleep? Until the early 1950s, scientists who thought about sleep at all believed that the brain sort of tuned down during

sleep, Long writes.

Then Nathaniel Kleitman, a physiologist at the University of Chicago and the father of modern sleep research, directed the work of graduate student Eugene Aserinsky, who observed rapid eye movement (REM) during sleep. The discovery demonstrated forevermore, Long writes, that the so-called sleeping brain is charged with activity.

Kleitman and William C. Dement, then a medical student and now a leader in sleep research, found that the proverbial "good night's sleep" actually consists of two sleeps: REM and non-REM, which alternate in cycles that repeat throughout the night.

REM sleep is characterized by vivid, bizarre dreams, while non-REM tends to be less active. But why people dream is still a mystery.

Persons who are deprived of their share of both REM and non-REM sleep and as a result feel drowsy are a menace, Dement says. "An attack of uncontrollable sleepiness is as unpredictable as an earthquake," he explains, "and may be just as devastating."

Dement and other experts feel that sleepiness may be a specter behind the disasters at Chernobyl, Bhopal, and Three Mile Island. The accidents occurred during the early-morning hours, when the sleep-prompting issued by the body clock is most insistent.

This clock — experts disagree on whether there are one or more — operates on a cycle of about 25 hours and regulates the body's circadian, or daily, rhythms.

Until 1980, most scientists accepted the common notion that onset of sleepiness and the amount people sleep are determined primarily by activity while they're awake.

Then Charles A. Czeisler, an associate professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School, over-

turned this assumption by showing that the body clock, which prompts a temperature decline at night, determines when and how long people sleep.

"One of the most significant findings of sleep research, this explains the difficulties experienced by those who toil through the night," Long writes.

When body clock and work schedule clash, people can drift unaware in and out of "microsleeps," according to research in Sweden. Such assaults on body rhythms afflict an estimated 60 million workers on rotating shifts worldwide.

Help is on the way, Long writes. In a recently announced discovery, Harvard's Czeisler demonstrated that by using bright lights he can shift a person's circadian rhythms dramatically, resetting the body clock to whatever time he chooses.

Harvard scientists found that the body clock is made up of groups of neurons near the optic nerves. In an experiment, Czeisler cured National Geographic writer Long of an acute case of jet lag following a Tokyo-to-Boston flight. Three days of light treatments shifted Long's rhythms 10.5 hours, an adjustment that normally takes 10 days.

Besides curing jet lag, light treatments potentially could bring relief to shift workers and to the elderly, who often have difficulty sleeping. Thomas A. Wehr, director of clinical psychology at the National Institute of Mental Health, also sees Czeisler's breakthrough as a potential new weapon in the war on depression.

If the body clock indeed prompts sleep, what controls the clock? Biochemists postulate a sleep-inducing substance that accumulates during the day and finally puts us to sleep. Scientists are working to find the elusive "hypnic" factor.



Exposure to bright lights could bring relief to some people suffering from troubled sleep. In this experiment, National Geographic writer Michael E. Long is cured of an acute case of jet lag after a Tokyo-to-Boston flight. Three days of light treat-

ments shifted Long's body rhythms 10.5 hours, an adjustment that normally takes 10 days. Treatments could aid shift workers who cannot stay awake, and the elderly who have difficulty sleeping.

Computers boggle in bid to recognise speech

By Jim Wolf
Reuters

WASHINGTON — In the drive to get computers to understand spoken language, simple phrases such as the numerical pairs "three-eight," "eight-two," and "six-seven" stump even the most advanced machines.

What makes them troublesome is the pronunciation. The end of the first sound blends almost indistinguishably into the start of the second. Researchers in the United States are striving to overcome these speech recognition problems in their efforts to teach machines to understand and react to the human voice.

"There's a problem at the language end — how to work with fluent speech," said James Glenn, editor-in-chief of Speech Technology, a trade publication. In simple applications, speech recognition technology is already well established. About 25 companies in the United States, Europe, and Japan market products capable of recognising small vocabularies.

But the systems require each

user to teach the computer to respond to his unique way of speaking. The user must also pause between words.

The technology is used mainly in factories by workers who must enter data into computers as they perform their tasks.

Paint inspectors at a Ford assembly plant in Michigan bark into wireless headset microphones information about the cars they are inspecting as they roll off the assembly line.

But demand for this technology has been small because of its inability to cope with natural, continuous speech.

More instructions needed

To understand language as it is spoken would require a computer capable of handling 50 times more instructions per second than any oow available, said Fred Jelinek, head of IBM's speech recognition project at the Thomas Watson Research Centre in Yorktown Heights, New York.

Researchers' long-range goal is to develop a system that recog-

nises and responds to any number of individuals, adjusting to different accents and speech rates.

"We'd be very glad to simply get speaker independence for people who live in Boston, or something like that," said Jelinek. "That would be quite an achievement, but nobody has succeeded in it."

Most U.S. speech recognition research has been funded by the Pentagon. Its Defence Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) earmarked \$104 million for strategic computing projects last year.

Military applications

DARPA foresees a wide range of military applications, including a programme that will assist single-seat fighter aircraft pilots in combat, said Allen Sears, programme manager for advanced computer technologies.

American Telephone and Telegraph plans to market a system next year that will allow consumers to gain access to databank services that are now available

only by touch-tone telephones. Dean Hester, director of research and development at AT and T's conversant systems unit said the market for such a system could be worth "tens of millions of dollars."

About 45 per cent of callers still use rotary (dial) telephones. The system would allow them to communicate with the computer by speaking numbers into the phone.

Unlike the existing technology, it would work without requiring voice samples prior to operation, a system called speaker independence.

IBM researchers have been concentrating on boosting the performance of their most advanced speaker-dependent system, an experimental desk-top "voice-writer" that recognises 20,000 words after a 20-minute training session.

The system is easy to use. Speech appears almost instantly on a computer screen after it is uttered into a microphone. The company says the computer may perform up to 30 million calcula-

tions to decipher a single word.

'Tangora'

The calculations enable the system, called Tangora — after Albert Tangora, reputed by reference books to be the world's fastest typist — to distinguish between words that sound alike but have different meanings, such as two, to and too.

A few small private companies are also at work on voice-writers. "That's the holy grail," said Janet Baker, president of Massachusetts-based Dragoo Systems, the largest vendor of personal computer-based speech recognition systems in the United States.

U.S. sales of recognition devices totalled \$14 million last year, not including military procurement, according to Karl Kozansky of Probe Research, a telecommunications research firm.

He expects sales to rise to about \$124 million by 1992 and foresees "very significant growth beyond that."

Liverpool downs Everton 1-0 with superb Houghton header

LONDON (R) — Midfielder Ray Houghton fired Liverpool into the quarter-finals of the English Football Association (F.A.) Cup with a superbly-headed goal against neighbours Everton Sunday.

Houghton's 75th-minute strike on his first appearance in a clash between the great city rivals gave Liverpool a 1-0 fifth round victory that opened up the prospect of their second league and cup double in two years.

Liverpool, runaway First Division leaders, won the F.A. Cup and the Championship in Kenny Dalglish's first year as manager in 1985-86.

Everton, the only side to have beaten Liverpool in 33 league and

cup games this season, had territorial advantage for long periods of an essentially defensive struggle.

But Liverpool refused to yield and snatched the winner after a surging left-wing run by their England international John Barnes. His cross into a crowded goalmouth eluded striker John Aldridge but Houghton pounced to head down past goalkeeper Neville Southall.

Celtic, clear Scottish Cup

favourites following Rangers' stunning 2-0 defeat by Dunfermline Saturday, were held to a goalless home draw by Hibernian.

League leaders Celtic had all the best chances but lacked the finishing touch and face a replay Wednesday, with the winners away to Clydebank or Partick Thistle in the quarter-finals.

The draw made Sunday provided Dundee with a home tie against Dundee United, who play 200 metres away in the same street.

Battle-weary Everton, which had played seven cup-ties to reach Sunday's home match, had most of the play but lacked the subtlety and creativity to break down Liverpool.



Brian Boitano

Boitano notches spectacular victory in figure skating

Connors' injury nets Italian title for Noah

MILAN, Italy (R) — Jimmy Connors saw his hopes of winning his first tennis tournament since October 1984 dashed Sunday when he was forced to withdraw injured from the Italian Indoor final against Yannick Noah of France.

Connors called it quits in the ninth game of the first set serving at 30-30 with the match level 4-4.

For Noah, who earned his finals place by beating top seed and titleholder Boris Becker 6-4, 4-6, 7-6, the win was his third over a Wimbledon champion in as many days — he beat Pat Cash on Friday — and gave him winnings of \$74,500.

CALGARY (R) — American Brian Boitano gave a performance that left him in tears and won a spectacular jumping contest against arch rival Brian Orser to capture the Olympic men's figure skating title Saturday night.

The American, skating to music from the film "Napoleon," defeated Canadian Orser with a technically superior display that included eight stunning triple jumps.

Orser replied with only six and almost fell on one of them as he was forced to concede defeat to the man from whom he had taken the world title last year.

Soviets and East Germans gobble up Calgary medals

CALGARY (AP) — True to form, the Soviet Union and East Germany were running away with Olympic medals as the Winter Games reached the halfway point.

With eight days of competition left, the two East bloc sports powerhouses had secured 25 of the 54 medals awarded at Calgary. Another 84 medals remain to be dispensed before the games end Feb. 28.

But Poland, an East bloc state without any medals, was jarred by what apparently was the first doping case of these games. The Polish hockey coach said star forward Jaroslaw Morawiecki tested positive for an illegal drug after Poland's 6-2 victory over France Thursday and did not play in Saturday's game against Switzerland.

Coach Leszek Lejczyk said he did not know what kind of drug was involved, adding that he was "convinced it was not intentional."

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) was to take up the case Sunday.

After the first eight days of the games, East Germany held a 6-5 edge over the Soviets in gold medals — thanks to Andre Hoffmann's victory in Saturday's 1,500-metre men's speed skating race and a triumph by East German policeman Frank-Peter



East German luge Steffi Walter and her teammates swept the luge medals at the Calgary Games

The American gold was conjured by Brian Boitano, whose artistry and technical skill were rewarded with the men's figure skating championship.

Four other countries had three medals going into the ninth day of the games — Finland, which had two golds, along with Austria, West Germany and The Netherlands. A figure skating silver, won by Brian Orser, gave host Canada its second medal of the games.

Switzerland was third in the medal standings with four medals, including one gold and two silver. All Swiss medals were won on the Alpine ski slopes — where the East bloc is weak.

Swiss skiers also were in contention for gold in Sunday's final of the women's combined and the men's super giant slalom.

Surprise French showing France's rising star Carole Merle was the surprise winner of Saturday's downhill portion of the combined. A giant slalom specialist with a 50-50 world cup record, Merle edged out Switzerland's highly vaunted Maria Walliser by

52-hundredths and could clinch the gold with a good showing in Sunday's two runs of the slalom leg.

The Soviets have shown particular strength in the Nordic competition, winning three of four cross-country races and picking up eight of 12 medals awarded in the sport thus far. Soviet speed skaters have won two medals, including a gold. The other Soviet gold was won in pairs figure skating.

The East Germans proved unbeatable in the luge, winning gold in all three events — the men's and women's singles and the men's doubles.

In winning East Germany's second speed skating gold Saturday, the 26-year-old Hoffmann set a world record of 1 minute, 52.06 seconds. Two other skaters — American Eric Flaim and Austrian Michael Hadschieff — also broke the old mark of 1:52.50 set by the Soviet Union's Igor Zhelezovsky on the same indoor track in December. Flaim gave the United States its first silver medal. Hadschieff won bronze.

Missed penalty shatters United's F.A. Cup goal

LONDON (R) — Manchester United are already resigned to the fact that their trophy cabinet will again remain empty this year, although the season still has another two months to run.

Manager Alex Ferguson summed up the situation before Saturday's fifth round F.A. Cup tie. "Our season would end if we lost to Arsenal. Defeat is something I would take very hard," he said.

But take it he had to, when Brian McClair hallooed a penalty kick high over the bar three minutes from the end and the Londoners hung on for a 2-1 victory.

Although United lie second in Division One, it is unrealistic to expect them to make any impression on runaway leaders

Liverpool who are a massive 12 points clear and have two games in hand.

But Ferguson was forgiving in defeat and refused to blame McClair for United's cup exit.

"The only criticism of Brian I would make is that you should hit the target with a penalty. But we are not pointing a finger at him. It is not his fault we are out of the cup. He has made a great contribution all season."

McClair was both the hero and the villain for United. Before his penalty miss, it was his 51st-minute goal that stirred an exciting revival after the northern club had conceded two first-half goals.

It was the second time in two weeks that Arsenal had seen an important penalty squandered against them

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Close battle seen in women's speed skating

CALGARY (R) — American Bonnie Blair takes on East Germany's dynamic duo in the 500 metre race that opens the Olympic women's speed skating competition Monday.

World sprint champion Christa Rothenburger and brilliant all-rounder Karin Kania join Blair as favourites for the medals.

Defending champion Rothenburger, who snatched the 500 metre world record from Blair in a world cup meeting here last December, is rising high after winning the world sprint title earlier this month.

But Blair, third overall in the sprint championships behind Kania, gained a psychological boost by clinching the final 500 metres at the sprints in a head-to-head duel against Rothenburger.

"I feel real confident coming here," the perky, 1.61-metre-tall Blair said. "Winning the 500 showed me I can beat Christa. And I think this track favours me — the bigger girls could have more trouble in the turns."

Kania, who dominates the middle distances, is especially keen for a medal to start her run at an unprecedented five-medal haul.



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Ministry sets up new Jordanian poultry firm

AMMAN (Petra) — The Ministry of Agriculture, in its drive to organise and control poultry production, has set up a company for slaughtering and marketing poultry in Jordan, Secretary General Salem Lawzi said at a seminar held here Saturday.

Lawzi said that the company has set up its first slaughterhouse at Duleil in Zarqa Governorate. He added that the slaughterhouse, which has the capacity to process 4,000 birds an hour, will go into operation by the beginning of 1989.

In his address to the seminar, Lawzi outlined his ministry's measures designed to control and market poultry and to provide veterinary services to poultry farmers.

Speakers at the seminar highlighted the importance of poultry farms as part of a national effort for ensuring food security in the Arab World.

The Arab Company for the Development of Animal Wealth, set up in 1978, established a poultry project in Jordan two years ago and, according to its director Adim Du'afi, has so far produced 12 million table eggs and half a million chickens which were marketed in Jordan, Syria, Iraq, Saudi Arabia and Sudan.

Drive to develop Afra mineral springs takes off

TAFLEH (Petra) — A total of JD 30,000 has been collected during a first stage in a campaign to raise funds for the Afra mineral springs in the Tafleeh district, according to a committee in charge of the project.

The money is needed for setting up a services quarter and a health centre at the springs in order to attract tourists and visitors from Jordan and abroad, according to Tafleeh Governor Aref Ershid.

Ershid, who heads the committee, said that the JD 30,000 have been raised from individuals, municipalities and village councils. A Japanese-Jordanian team, which has been working with the Ministry of Tourism for the development of the springs into a tourist attraction centre, has submitted recommendations and an agreement has tentatively been reached among the concerned parties for setting up a company that will take charge of the project.

According to Ershid, local municipalities have submitted a request in the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Supply for a licence to set up this vital investment and tourist project. He said a main road leading from Tafleeh to the springs has already been opened by the Ministry of Public Works and Housing at the cost of JD 1 million.

AMMAN FINANCIAL MARKET

AMMAN (J.T.) — Trading was weak Sunday compared to the number of shares and volume of the previous days. Intermediate Petrochemical Industries topped the list of trading Sunday with 61,522 shares changing hands in 67 contracts for a volume of JD 94,480. The company Saturday was also a leader for 118,371 shares involving 134 contracts for JD 178,077. Jordan Lime and Silicate Brick Industries figured prominently Sunday in terms of shares as 74,700 of them were traded Sunday but, due to the low price of the share, the volume was low at JD 17,102.

FORECAST FOR MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1988

YOUR HOROSCOPE

From the Carroll Wright Institute

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Rely on your intuition in the early part of the day, but use much caution when making any decisions concerning your finances or property tonight. Eliminate unnecessary expenses from your budget.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19): An acquaintance may want you to help him out of a serious problem, but don't risk your own security to assist this person.

Taurus (Apr. 20 to May 20): Avoid people who like to argue, as they could easily upset you today. Pay special attention to the state of your health and your appearance.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21): If your mate is a bad humor, keep silent and use patience to avoid a fight. This is a good time to catch up on your reading or writing.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21): Don't get into an argument with a business partner. If you do, serious trouble will result. Your judgment is not at its best right now.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21): Try to be more efficient in your daily activities. You may not like the idea of a fellow worker, but don't say anything negative.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20): Even if you are very eager for some recreation, don't get into something which is too costly. Avoid people who like to spread gossip.

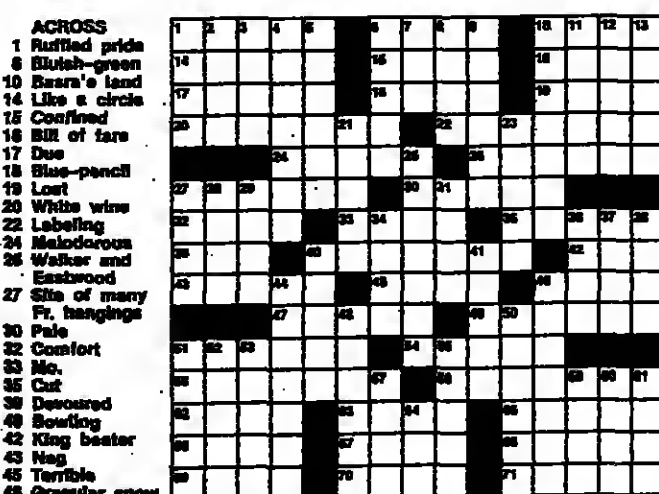
AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19): If you are overly critical of a family friend, a big fight could result. Be constructive and tactful. This is a good time to revise your budget.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20): Much care in driving will be necessary today, especially on the highway. Make sure you use the right words on the telephone.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21): Plan your schedule for the day early this morning, and stick to it. Don't run off on any tangents. A word of kindness can be very effective.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22): Be sure you have finished up any

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HOME BRIEFS

KARAK FARMERS: The Agricultural Credit Corporation (ACC) branch in Karak granted local farmers JD 1,106,400 in loans last year to help them finance projects for improving production of their rain-fed and irrigated lands and to develop their holdings of livestock. Karak ACC Director Khaled Majali said that a total of 747 farmers benefited from these loans which also financed the purchase of agricultural equipment and other requirements. Majali asked farmers to pay back their loans on schedule during 1988 so that the ACC can diversify into more projects. Majali expected his office to grant local farmers loans totalling JD 1.217 million during 1988.

MINISTRY GRANTS: The Ministry of Industry and Trade issued 27 licences to new industrial schemes in the country in the last quarter of 1987, according to a ministry statistical bulletin. It said that these industries will make leather products, marble, textiles, agricultural equipment and other consumer goods for a total capital investment of JD 4.3 million. The bulletin said that the ministry also issued 139 licences for people wishing to set up workshops at the total cost JD 560,000.

IDB BACKS: The Industrial Development Bank (IDB) granted loans totalling JD 1.830 million in 14 industrial projects in Jordan during the last three months of 1987. An IDB bulletin said that by the end of 1987 the bank had granted 38 loans worth JD 7.71 million in the past year. Most of these loans, it said, went to financing the purchase of raw materials and machines for the manufacturing process. In addition, the bulletin said, IDB gave two loans totalling JD 130,000 which financed the production of hangars and tankers for the transportation of water and fuel and a workshop for the maintenance of diesel oil motors.

TOMATO PLANT: A tomato processing plant at Ghir Safi has started receiving locally produced tomatoes from farmers at the rate of 50 tonnes a day, according to Karak Agriculture Department Director Khaled Nawaseeb. He said that the government, in its drive to encourage local farmers to increase production, has been purchasing surpluses of tomato crops for processing at its plant which has a daily capacity of 100 tonnes. The total area of land grown with tomatoes in the Ghir Safi region, according to Nawaseeb, is estimated at 9,750 dunams.

NUQEIRA, BEILA: Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment Yusef Hamdan Al Jaher has endorsed the 1988 budget of Nuqeira municipality, totalling JD 147,467 and the JD 75,000 budget of Beila municipal council in Irbid Governorate.

VTC completes scheme in Central Jordan Valley

CENTRAL JORDAN VALLEY (J.T.) — The Vocational Training Corporation (VTC) has set up facilities for a vocational training centre worth JD 480,000 in the Central Jordan Valley, according to a VTC spokesman.

The spokesman Talal Radaideh, was quoted by Sawt Al Shaah newspaper as saying that JD 120,000 worth of equipment installed at the centre had been a gift from West Germany and China, while the rest was provided from the VTC's budget.

The vocational training centre is currently offering training to 90 participants in five different trades: Auto mechanics, tailoring, dress making, secretarial work and hair dressing, Radaideh said.

He added that plans are being made for enrolling 120 trainees in the coming stage and gradually increasing the number to 200, the centre's capacity.

He said that the trainees, working under the guidance of 38 instructors, have been producing items and offering services to the local community. This year, he said, the centre is expected to make a revenue of JD 10,080 from such services.

Report stresses importance of settling bedouin tribes

MAAN (Petra) — A report prepared by the cooperative department in Maan Governorate underlined the importance of projects being carried out in southern Jordan for settling bedouin tribes in agricultural areas.

The report gave details about Al Arja project which was set up in a 1,200 dunams of land in 1977 under the supervision of the Ministry of Agriculture. The project, divided into 32 agricultural units, has been producing agricultural crops.

One hundred dunams of the site, the report added, has been assigned for agricultural experiments, specially on growing vines. Each unit of the project, involving the participation of bedouin tribes who settled in the area, has produced JD 1,500 to JD 2,000 worth of agricultural products annually.

Iraqi minister praises Jordan's ceramic industry

ZARQA (Petra) — Iraqi Industry Minister Hatem Abdul Rashid Sunday visited the Jordan Ceramic Industry Company in Zarqa and was briefed on its production and programmes.

Accompanied by Jordan's ambassador to Iraq Hilmi Al Lawzi, the minister discussed with the company's board chairman and the manager a number of subjects of interest in the joint Iraq-Jordan Ceramic Industries Company.

Iraq-based joint company groups the Jordan Ceramic Industries Company and the Iraqi private sector. Abdul Rashid praised progress achieved by Jordan in the field of ceramic industries and described Jordanian-Iraqi economic and trade ties as very strong and prosperous.

Jordanians prepare to exhibit products at major Saudi fair

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Jordanian Commercial Centres Corporation (JCCC) has embarked on preparations for staging a Jordanian industrial exhibition in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia in the coming month.

The exhibition, according to JCCC officials, is in implementation of resolutions taken by the joint Jordanian-Saudi Arabian Economic Committee.

Jordanian exporters and businessmen will be able to display samples of their products through this exhibition.

Court of Cassation gives ruling on delay penalty

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Court of Cassation recently issued a ruling approving the decision of the Income Tax Court of Appeal which considered the payment of a delay penalty relating to the implementation of a contract as an allowable deductible expense.

According to "Tax Brief", a Jordanian bulletin issued by the accounting company Dajani and Alsaedeen, the Court of Cassation stated in its decision that a criminal penalty would not be an allowable deduction but a civil delay penalty related to the execution of the contract would definitely be considered paid to generate income and therefore an allowable expense as per article No. (9) of the Income Tax Law.

United Insurance, two other companies in Jordan merge

By Salameh B. Ne'matt
Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — The United Insurance Co. Ltd. has merged with two other insurance companies with a new capital of JD 1.5 million, United Insurance Board Chairman Raouf Abu Jaber told the Jordan Times Sunday.

The merger committee appointed by Industry and Trade Minister Hamdi Tabbaa has decided to retain the name of United Insurance Co. Ltd. for the new company after having merged with Al Chark Insurance Co. (Jordan agency) and New India Insurance Co. (Jordan agency).

The committee, headed by the companies' controller at the Industry and Trade Ministry and representatives of the three companies, have allocated JD 1,125,000 of the new capital for the shareholders of United Insurance as on 31.12.87 and JD 375,000 for the two other companies. The merger is retroactive as of 1.1.88.

The committee, also comprising the ministry's insurance controller and a representative of Saba and Co., the merger's auditors, was established under instructions by the Economic Security Committee in response to government policies urging mergers of insurance companies.

Established in 1972 at a paid capital of JD 250,000, the United Insurance Company Limited merged with the two other companies in response to the government's regulations, Abu Jaber said.

Al Chark Insurance Co. and New India Insurance Co. are considered the highest insurance companies in Egypt and India respectively. The merger of the Jordan agencies of the two companies with United Insurance is

expected to strengthen the capital base of the new company and improve its general performance.

The government measures encouraging mergers are aimed to reduce the number of insurance companies in the Kingdom.

Central Bank of Jordan Deputy Governor Maher Shukri said recently that mergers were urged for organisational purposes and to rectify the financial status of troubled companies.

He said that following the recession period in Jordan, banks and financial institutions, as well as insurance companies have proliferated, forcing the need for mergers.

He added that the government was offering troubled companies incentives to merge such as tax exemptions and other facilities.

The deputy governor said that on the long run, mergers often work in favour of shareholders. He cited the mergers of the Jordan Fertilisers Company with the Jordan Phosphate Mines Company and the Kingdom's two cement factories.

Tax chief meets auto parts traders

AMMAN (J.T.) — Income Tax Department Director-General Saliman Tarawneh met here Saturday with representatives of auto spare-part merchants and discussed with them problems they encounter in their business.

Tarawneh also discussed with the representatives the procedures of tax collection from stores selling auto spare-parts and the exemptions offered by the tax department for those paying their dues within the assigned periods.

Abu Dhabi buys 10 per cent stake in Spanish oil company

ABU DHABI (R) — Abu Dhabi's International Petroleum Investment Corporation (IPIC) has agreed to buy a 10 per cent stake in Spain's main refining and petrochemical company CEPSA, official sources said Saturday.

They said IPIC would pay around \$120 million and get two seats on CEPSA's board under an accord signed last month in Abu Dhabi's first major overseas investment in the downstream oil industry.

Juaan Salem, undersecretary of Abu Dhabi's finance department,

was quoted earlier as saying that the time was right for IPIC to invest in Western countries.

He told Al Bayan newspaper that it would favour joint investment with industrialised countries "to allow us the possibility and the ability to market our oil production in their domestic markets."

IPIC, a joint venture between the Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC) and the Abu Dhabi Investment Authority (ADIA), was set up in 1984.

Egyptians seek \$2 billion investments

ABU DHABI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — An Egyptian investment team is seeking Arab funds for 79 major industrial ventures in Egypt worth about \$2 billion, the team's leader told reporters Sunday.

The official, Muhiuddin Ghari, deputy chairman of the Egyptian Investment Authority, told reporters the projects will be presented to an Arab investment conference scheduled to be held in Cairo next month.

He said the projects would represent engineering, electronics, chemical, fabrics, foodstuffs, agricultural and construction industries.

They include an \$8.5 million solar energy plant, a \$7 million automobile spare-part factory, a \$18 million fertiliser plant and \$300 million for cement production.

Diplomatic sources here said that the Egyptian campaign also aims at offering technical experience to help the Gulf establish heavy industries.

Economic cooperation between Egypt and the oil-rich Gulf continued uninterrupted, albeit on a small scale, throughout the years when Cairo was ostracised for its 1979 peace treaty with Israel.

But this cooperation has opened up on wide scale with the restoration of diplomatic ties between the majority of the Arab states and Cairo.

Turkey to boost transport of goods to Iran

ANKARA (R) — Turkey has signed a protocol to boost its exports to Iran through ports and a cross-border railway, the semi-official Anatolian News Agency said Sunday.

It said that under the protocol the amount of goods sent to Iran would more than double in 800,000 tons this year from 323,000 in 1987.

"Turkey wants to develop land, sea and air transport cooperation," Anatolian quoted Turkish Transport Minister Ekrem Pakdemirli as saying. "From this year, Turkey will give importance to railway transportation."

In a separate report from Tehran, the agency quoted Iranian Heavy Industry Minister Behzad Nabavi as saying trade volume between Iran and Turkey this year was unlikely to reach the agreed value of \$2 billion. Iranian exports to Turkey last year were worth \$917 million.

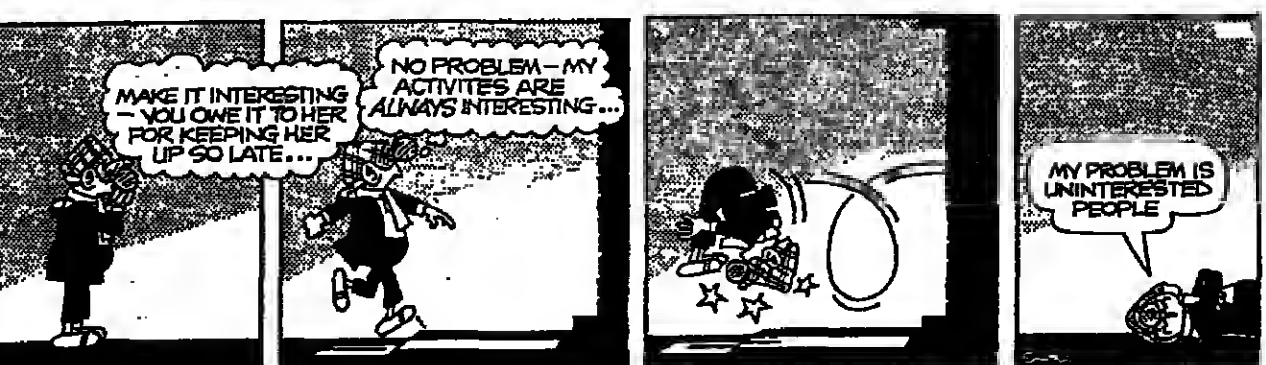
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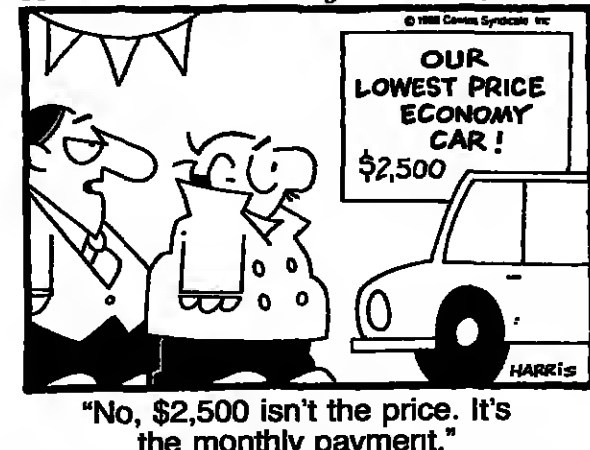
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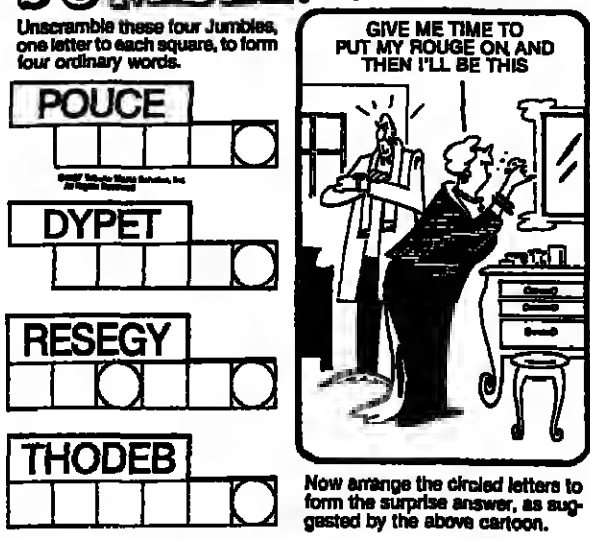
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Yesterday's Jumbles: DEITY LINER MODISH DIGEST
Answer: What the carefree trombonist did—LET THINGS SLIDE

Manila tries to block Muslim rebel bid to join OIC

MANILA (Agencies) — The Philippine government stepped up its campaign to block a bid by Muslim separatists to join the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) by dispatching a top official to Saudi Arabia Saturday to argue Manila's case.

Philippine House of Representatives Speaker Ramon Mitra carried a personal letter from President Corazon Aquino to Saudi Arabia's King Fahd which diplomatic sources said was expected to ask the Saudi monarch to oppose the application.

A spokesman for the southern Philippine-based Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) said the Muslim group had the support of 35 of the 48 OIC members, and that King Fahd backed its bid.

The OIC is expected to consider the MNLF application when it meets in Jordan next month. OIC membership could give the MNLF the status of a government-in-exile with other members.

But the front planned to set up a provisional Muslim government in the south "with or without membership" of the OIC. MNLF spokesman Ustadz Zain Jali was quoted as saying by the Manila Chronicle.

The Philippine government hopes to convince Islamic nations that it is looking after the welfare of the Muslim minority who live on the southern islands of Mindanao, Basilan and Sulu.

A government official said Philippine ambassadors in the Middle East had been instructed to inform their host countries that Manila would stick to a 1976 agreement to provide autonomy for Muslims within the framework of the 1986 constitution.

Aquino is due to fly south later



King Fahd



Ramon Mitra

this week to announce a regional panel responsible for drawing up the rules for autonomy.

The Manila Chronicle also reported that foreign affairs department representatives would meet MNLF field commanders to try to persuade them to drop their OIC membership bid.

Troops on full alert in Manila

In another development, the military chief of staff placed all troops and police in the Manila area on full alert Saturday, following a new wave of killings in the capital that authorities blame on Communist rebels.

General Renato de Villa said the alert was aimed at preventing disruption of celebrations next week marking the second anniversary of Ferdinand Marcos' ouster and Aquino's rise to power, the government-run Philippine News Agency (PNA) reported.

In addition to cancelling all military leaves, de Villa ordered his troops to intensify patrols and set up night-time mobile checkpoints throughout the city, PNA said.

At least six people — a labour department functionary, a suburban ward leader, a policeman, a soldier and two police informants — died in ambushes by suspected Communist guerrillas on Manila streets during the last two weeks.

Military reports reaching Manila Saturday said at least six Communist New People's Army guerrillas were killed and one soldier wounded in clashes the previous day in Srigao Del Norte and Bukidnon provinces on the southern island of Mindanao.

In Cebu City, 560 kilometres southeast of Manila, police said they discovered Friday the bodies of five people who they believed were executed by rebels on suspicion of being military informers.

Pakistan continues Afghan talks in China

ISLAMABAD (R) — Pakistan's Deputy Foreign Minister Zain Noorani flew to China Sunday for further consultations with allies before the next round of indirect talks with Afghanistan.

"We want to draw on the wisdom of our friends," he told reporters at Islamabad Airport.

Noorani returned Saturday from talks in Washington and London on Afghan peace prospects with U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz and Britain's Foreign Minister Sir Geoffrey Howe.

Pakistan Foreign Ministry Secretary Abdul Sattar is currently holding talks in Iran, another major backer of the anti-Communist Afghan guerrillas.

Pakistan is due to resume indirect talks with the Kabul government in Geneva on March 2 on a withdrawal of Soviet troops and a halt to aid for Afghan rebels based in Pakistan.

Noorani's travels follow the offer two weeks ago by Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev to pull out troops by March 1989 if Pakistan signs an accord by March this year. Pakistan says a new broad-based government must take over in Kabul before it signs an agreement.

Pakistan and China, linked by their cool relations with India, have been close allies since the Muslim country gained independence from Britain in 1947.

China is one of the main suppliers of weapons for Afghan guerrillas through Pakistan and is fiercely critical of the eight-year-old Soviet military presence.

S. Korea plans amnesty for Roh's inauguration

SEOUL (R) — South Korea will free thousands of political dissidents and criminals under an amnesty shortly after this week's inauguration of Roh Tae-Woo as its new president, government sources said Sunday.

Roh, elected president last December, is due to be inaugurated for a five-year single term Thursday.

The sources said a cabinet meeting would approve the amnesty the next day. They did not give the exact number of those to be released.

The newspaper Chosun Ilbo reported that the amnesty would benefit about 7,200 prisoners, including some 1,200 people await-

ing trial or jailed for anti-government demonstrations.

The daily said those to be freed included Ham Un-Gyong, who led a four-day student occupation of the U.S. Information Service building in Seoul three years ago, and two leading dissidents jailed for masterminding a massive riot against the government in the western city of Incheon in 1986.

But Chosun Ilbo said about 60 "radical, Communist sympathisers" would be excluded from the amnesty, which would be implemented before March 1, the 69th anniversary of a Korean uprising against Japanese colonial rule.

Ortega blasts contras for blocking peace talks

MANAGUA (R) — Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega Saturday charged U.S.-backed contra rebels were blocking progress in peace talks to seek more funding from Washington.

He warned the rebels if they did not accept a peaceful solution, they would be crushed on the battlefield.

"The contras... are not interested in a ceasefire," Ortega said in his first public response to the abrupt suspension of a second round of direct peace talks mediated by Nicaraguan Cardinal Miguel Obando Y. Bravo.

"They want war, more funds from the Reagan administration," Ortega said in a broadcast speech.

Nevertheless, Ortega said, the government was prepared to continue the talks at any time, and had not rejected a proposal by Obando calling for a month-long truce coupled with democratic reforms.

Obando suspended the talks Friday in Guatemala City, saying neither side trusted the other.

The Nicaraguan government delegation said it had accepted Obando's peace proposals in principle, but that Ortega wished to discuss details of the plan with the cardinal.

Ortega said he would seek clarification of the proposal, which called for an immediate amnesty for political prisoners, revision of

a compulsory military service law, and restoration of an internal dialogue with opposition parties.

"Nicaragua is prepared to apply an amnesty as soon as a ceasefire has been worked out," Ortega said.

On the controversial military service law, he said once the war was over current levels of recruitment obviously would be lowered.

Ortega said the contras should agree to a negotiated solution.

"We have a strategy which will crush the mercenary forces completely if they do not accept a peaceful solution," Ortega said. Nicaragua routinely calls the contras mercenaries.

"But it is only possible to totally crush the mercenary forces if all we Nicaraguans are prepared to mobilise ourselves on the front line of combat," Ortega added, hinting at big new rounds of forced recruitment if the peace process falls through.

House Democrats agree on contra aid

On Sunday, the New York Times reported that Democrats in the U.S. House of Representatives have reached tentative agreement on a \$25 million humanitarian aid package for the Nicaraguan contra rebels.

Brazil floods, mudslides kill 65

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — A flash tropical rainstorm caused flooding and mudslides that killed 65 people and left up to 100 elderly patients missing and feared dead Saturday, authorities said.

Rescue workers removed debris from the Santa Genoveva Hospital, a nursing home for the elderly, where a wing housing 80 to 100 patients collapsed in a mudslide, civil defence spokesman Bruno Avila told the Associated Press.

"We are pulling bodies out of the rubble, and we fear all the patients are dead," Avila said. Maria Teixeira, one of the

approximately 350 patients evacuated from the hospital, told a television interviewer from her stretcher, "It was awful. All my friends were dead in an instant."

Rio Mayor Roberto Saturnino Braga declared a state of emergency, called all municipal employees in to work and cancelled a post-carnival parade of champions scheduled for Saturday night.

There were more presumed storm victims in the hundreds of thousands of shacks in shantytowns that climb the tropical mountainsides of this city of 5.6 million, officials said.

U.S. candidates scatter across country in search of support

By Richard L. Vernaci
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Presidential candidates fanned out from the Mexican border to the Canadian line Saturday, some searching for northern support to revive their campaigns and others concentrating on voters in the south.

Democrat Jesse Jackson donned a borrowed cowboy hat and greeted a rally in Rapid City, South Dakota, with a "howdy, partner." Vice-President George Bush, also decked out in cowboy garb, attended the opening of the Houston livestock show and rodeo in the state of Texas.

Jackson drew a subdued reaction from his South Dakota audience of 275 people when he said he supported legislation to return ownership of 1.3 million acres (526,500 hectares) of government land in the nearby Black Hills to the Sioux Indians.

"It's so right to honour our commitments, our agreements and our treaties," said Jackson, who was joined at the rally by Ogla Indian tribal chairman Joe American Horse.

Bush, who met Congressman Jack Kemp of New York in one-on-one debate Friday in Dallas, declined Saturday to criticise his other Republican rivals, Senator Bob Dole of Kansas and former television evangelist Pat Robertson. Dole and Robertson boycotted the event.

The vice president said only

that "It was a chance to get the issues out there. Every opportunity like that helps."

But Robertson, who was campaigning along the banks of the

Poll: Bush won Dallas debate

DALLAS, Texas (R) — U.S. Vice-President George Bush defeated Congressman Jack Kemp in a debate here, and the other Republican presidential candidates hurt themselves by refusing to take part, according to a poll published Saturday.

Sixty-six per cent of those polled said Bush won the Friday night confrontation, according to the Dallas Morning News, one of the debate sponsors. Only 28 per cent said Kemp won.

The survey of 221 randomly selected viewers of the nationally

televised event also found the other Republican hopefuls, Senator Robert Dole and former television evangelist Pat Robertson, had damaged their campaigns by boycotting the debate.

Ninety-one per cent said Dole would be hurt and 89 per cent said the same of Robertson.

Dole and Robertson refused to take part, charging that Bush forces had manipulated distribution of tickets to the event and that the vice president had seen debate questions in advance.

Dole earlier criticised Bush for bypassing South Dakota, and his campaign issued a statement saying the vice president was "psychologically avoiding the Midwest."

Democratic presidential candidate Congressman Richard Gephardt was not bypassing South Dakota, but he was taking the long way there. Gephardt

started his day in St. Paul, Minnesota, before heading for Oklahoma and Arkansas on his way to Aberdeen, South Dakota.

And Senator Paul Simon of Illinois, whose Democratic campaign was looking for Minnesota or South Dakota to provide its crucial first victory, began his day in northern Minnesota before heading to Oklahoma.

Tuesday's primary in South Dakota and caucuses in Minnesota have drawn scattered attention from candidates in both parties. But the big prize comes two weeks later, when 20 states — mostly in the south — hold primaries or caucuses in which 1,307 Democratic delegates and 700 Republican delegates are at stake.

That's nearly a third of all the delegates the two parties will send to their national conventions this summer, when the two candidates for November's general election will be chosen.

For Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis, the Democratic winner of the New Hampshire primary, a strong showing in either of the two Midwestern states this week would indicate his campaign has support outside his native New England.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Bombs injure 20 in Bangladesh marches

DHAKA (AP) — Twenty people were injured when homemade bombs were hurled at opposition party processions in the port city of Chittagong on the eve of a national holiday, police said Sunday. The injured included two policemen who were escorting the marches late Saturday. The attackers' identities were not known, police said when contacted by telephone in Chittagong. 233 kilometres southeast of Dhaka. The marchers, from the Bangladesh Nationalist Party and the pro-Moscow Communist Party of Bangladesh, were headed to the martyrs' monument to place wreaths as part of the nationwide observance of Sunday's Language Martyrs day. The holiday commemorates the killing of six Dhaka University students in 1952, when Bangladesh was part of Pakistan. The students were shot to death by police during a demonstration demanding that Bengali be made a state language.

18 die in U.S. plane crashes

MORRISVILLE, North Carolina (AP) — Witnesses reported seeing a fireball and hearing an explosion before a commuter plane crashed on takeoff from Raleigh-Durham Airport, killing all 12 people aboard in one of three air tragedies. Near Atlantic City, New Jersey, three bodies were found in a plane crash Friday, authorities said, and three others died when a plane slammed into a highway in El Paso, Texas. In North Carolina, American Eagle commuter flight 3378, a twin-engine turboprop bound for Richmond, Virginia, crashed in heavy fog at 9:27 p.m. Friday (0227 GMT Saturday) with 10 passengers and two crew members aboard, airport spokesman Teresa Domiano said. In Hamilton Township, New Jersey, three bodies were pulled from the wreckage of a small twin-engine plane that crashed in dense fog and driving rain near Atlantic City International Airport, officials said. Earlier, Federal Aviation Association spokesman Anthony Willett said the twin-engine Piper Navajo went down sometime after 10:10 p.m. Friday (0310 GMT Saturday), when its radar signal was lost.

Colombians sign pact for referendum

BOGOTA (R) — Colombia's government and the opposition signed a pact Saturday to hold an October referendum on

constitutional reforms. "The agreement marks the beginning of a new stage in the history of the country, and clears the road to quickly carry out the institutional reforms that the Colombian people are demanding," said Colombian President Virgilio Barco upon signing the pact with the opposition Social Conservative Party. A 50-member commission, elected by the Colombian congress, will be in charge of designing the political and social reforms to be put to the voters on Oct. 9. The proportion of how many members from each political party serve on the special commission will be determined by success in March 13 local elections. Barco proposed the referendum to curb violence and unrest.

Tutu condemns violence over Namibia

CAPE TOWN (R) — Archbishop Desmond Tutu Sunday condemned a deadly bomb blast in Namibia and air raids launched by South Africa in retaliation. Eighteen people died when a bomb devastated a bank in the Namibian town of Oshakati Friday. On Saturday, South African jets blasted bases in Angola which Pretoria said were used by guerrillas it blamed for the explosion. "I condemn the bombing at Oshakati without equivocation," Tutu, the head of the Anglican Church in southern Africa, said in a statement issued from his official residence in Cape Town.

French Basque rebel leader arrested

PARIS (R) — The capture of a carpenter's son who led France's Iparratarrak Basque guerrillas could mean the end of a movement which has won little armed support in the country's Basque provinces, police said. Paramilitary police arrested Philippe Bidart, 35, and four other suspected members of Iparratarrak after a weekend gun battle in a suburb of the southwest town of Bayonne. One suspect was badly injured and another was wounded in the arm. Police said the arrests were likely to sound the death knell for Iparratarrak (Those of the North), which Bidart founded in 1973, hoping it would become as powerful as the ETA Basque Homeland and Freedom Basque separatist movement to the south in neighbouring Spain. French President Francois Mitterrand and Security Minister Robert Pandraud both congratulated the police for the arrests.

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Waldheim 'related to British royal family'

LONDON (R) — Austrian President Kurt Waldheim, under pressure to resign because of his World War II record, is related to the British royal family, an expert on the monarchy said Sunday. Harold Brooks-Baker, editor of Burke's Peerage, the prestigious directory of British nobility, said Waldheim is a distant cousin of Queen Elizabeth II and has a closer link through a different line to Prince Philip. He said Waldheim, a former U.N. Secretary General, is related to the Austrian Habsburgs, who were connected with the queen's Hanoverian ancestors. King George V changed the surname of the royal family from Hanover to Windsor in July 1917, relinquishing use for himself and his descendants of their German titles. "They (the queen and Waldheim) are very distantly related. They would have some of the same chromosomes and genes, but that's all," Brooks-Baker said. "The link to Prince Philip is closer, through the Schleswig-Holstein family." Waldheim is due to appear in Burke's "Heads of State of Royal Descent," due to be published later this year. Brooks-Baker said both U.S. President Ronald Reagan and French President Francois Mitterrand would be included. "Both are distantly related to the queen," he said in a statement.

Newspaper says stolen Nazi files on sale

LONDON (R) — Nazi files stolen from an official archives centre in West Berlin are being sold by a London businessman for thousands of pounds sterling, the Sunday Times reported in an early edition. The newspaper said the files being sold to British and overseas collectors were among at least 30,000 documents removed during the 1980s from the Berlin Document Centre, which houses the world's most comprehensive collection of Nazi records. The centre has been run by the United States since 1947 with an American director and 38 German staff to look after 30 million Nazi party and SS records and other papers. The Sunday Times said some of the stolen files were in the possession of a London dealer in the exclusive Mayfair district. It quoted the dealer as saying he had bought the documents in good faith in West Germany.

Sphinx, scarab uncovered in Bahrain

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP) — A tiny sphinx and a scarab, both hallmarks of Egypt's Pharaonic legacy, have been unearthed in Bahrain, antiquity experts said Sunday. The newspaper Akhbar Al Khaleej quoted Bahrain's antiquities supervisor, Abdul Aziz Surweil, as saying the 4-centimetre sphinx was located while excavating a burial site dating back to 200 B.C. - 200 A.D. He said the sphinx and the scarab, a beetle-shaped insignia, were among 420 trinkets dangling from a necklace unearthed at the tomb. Analysis of a skeleton in the grave indicated it belonged to a woman who was 25-30 years old when she died. There was a perfume vial in the grave and a bead with hieroglyphic inscriptions. Surweil told the newspaper the findings indicated links between Bahrain's ancient Dilmun civilisation and Pharaonic Egypt.

Poll finds Americans less optimistic

NEW YORK (R) — For the first time since President Reagan took office in 1981, Americans do not believe the future will be much brighter, according to a new poll. The New York Times/CBS poll released Sunday asked people to rate the past, present and future on a scale of one to 10, with 10 the most favourable response. The past was defined as five years ago and the future as five years hence. The ratings showed Americans had a somewhat more pessimistic view of the future than in previous, similar polls and rated the past, present and future as roughly equal. The past was rated 5.8, the present 5.73 and the future 5.84. Previous polls, in 1981, 1983 and 1985, showed more appreciable optimism about the future, the newspaper said. In the 1985 poll, respondents rated the past as below five, the present about a six and the future nearly seven. Charts displayed in the newspaper with the reports showed that those questioned felt slightly better about their personal futures than that of the nation.

Landlord freed from building

NEW YORK (AP) — A landlord sentenced to 15 days in one of his own run-down apartments has been released early by a judge who said the owner got the message that building code violations can't be ignored. Morris Gross was released from house arrest Friday after eight days in the Brooklyn tenement. Under the unusual sentence, Gross wore an electronic monitor strapped to his leg that would let authorities know if he left his dingy, one-bedroom apartment. Residents of the apartment building held a noisy protest at the courthouse where civil judge IRA Harkavy issued his ruling. They chanted, "We want justice," and carried banners, one of which read, "don't let the reptile go free." Abraham Biderman, commissioner of the department of housing preservation and development, said work on correcting the 420 code violations was continuing. Bugs, rodents, leaking ceilings, holes in walls and a lack of heat and hot water were among the tenants' complaints. The apartment Gross stayed in was replastered and painted before his arrival. The building's furnace was also repaired.

Roast over Olympic flame

CALGARY, Alberta (AP) — The Olympic flame, that burning symbol of peace and unity through sports, is much more to some workers at the Winter Games. It's also where they cook their lunch. Organisers said Saturday that the thousands of volunteers who help athletes, fans and others at Olympic venues had been warned to watch their step after some of the blue-coated corps roasted hot dogs and marshmallows over the flame. "I'm not unduly concerned but it's potentially inappropriate behaviour for a volunteer," said Bill Payne, media general manager of the Canadian organising committee.

Evangelist under investigation

NEW YORK (R) — The Reverend Jimmy Swaggart, who condemned fellow television Evangelist Jim Bakker for adultery, is being investigated for alleged sexual misconduct, two television networks and the Washington Post reported. Swaggart's denunciation, the Assemblies of God, confirmed that it was investigating the preacher but refused to disclose the nature of the probe. The Washington Post said Saturday the Assemblies of God elders were trying to determine whether Swaggart, 52, had committed adultery. It quoted a source close to the church as saying the investigation focused on "sexual moral charges... with other women." The elders, the same 13-member executive presbytery in Springfield, Missouri that last year defrocked Bakker for adultery, said in a statement Friday the Swaggart matter was a "critical situation."

Tourists join crew in cruise mutiny

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica (R) — Tourists aboard a Swedish-flagged cruise ship had their vacations cut short by a mutiny off Costa Rica, Costa Rican security ministry officials said Friday. Crew members of the Galaxias, which was to cruise the Caribbean via the Panama Canal, staged a rebellion earlier this week off the Pacific coast of Costa Rica, complaining of lack of water and electricity and bad food, the officials said. According to the ministry officials, several of the 106 American tourists aboard the ship backed the crew in their protest, which forced the ship to dock in the Costa Rican port of Caldera. After Costa Rican police intervened to quell the unrest, about 45 crew members, mostly Mexicans and Guatemalans, left the boat and boarded a plane for Guatemala and Mexico. With a reduced crew, the ship set sail Friday morning for Acapulco, where it had begun its aborted cruise last week.

GOREN BRIDGE

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REVERSE SIGNAL

East-West vulnerable. South deal.

NORTH	WEST	NORTH
♠ 10 4	♠ A 3 2	♠ 8 7 6 5
♥ Q 7 6 5 2	♥ 9 7 6 4	♥ K 10
♦ 10 5	♦ Q 5 4 3 2	♦ A 3 2
♣ 10 7 6	♣ A	♣ K J 9 8

The bidding:
South West North East
2 ♠ Pass 2 NT Pass
3 ♠ Pass 5 ♠ Pass
Pass Pass

Opening lead: Three of ♠
The normal way to signal is to discard a high card if you want the suit led and a low card if you do not. But what if you don't have a high card in the suit you want led? This hand, from the World Open Pairs 25 years ago, was defended by Arthur Robinson, West, and Robert Jordan of the U.S.

We would not open the South hand with a demand bid, but we give you the auction as it occurred at the table. North's jump to five hearts was over-aggressive despite his six-card support, he had a bal-

anced hand of nothing but losers. The club lead was normal West was trying to build tricks. East's eight was won by the ace, and declarer eschewed the percentage line of trying to enter dummy to take the trump finesse in favor of cashing the ace of trumps in an attempt to drop the king. When the monarch did not appear, he shifted to a low diamond (the king would have posed greater problems for the defenders) Jordan took his ace and then made the fine play of the king of trumps he wanted to get a signal from his partner to show him what to do next.

West could see that dummy's two spades were going to be discarded on declarer's high diamonds (East would not have fooled his partner by winning the ace if he held a lower honor), so he wanted to ask for a spade shift. Unfortunately, the fates had been unkind, since his spade spots were the lowest in the pack, he was afraid that, if he signalled with the three, his partner would read that as (ital) discouraging (end ital).

His solution to the dilemma was elegant. He discarded the queen of clubs! Since West could have discarded almost any card in his hand if he wanted a club continuation, Jordan correctly interpreted East's discard of his top club as saying he did not want that suit led! The spade shift was obvious down ooc.

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